

**ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
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**TO:** Libby Garvey, Chair, Arlington County Board  
**FROM:** Scott Dicke, Chair, Environment and Energy Conservation Commission  
**SUBJECT:** Environment and Energy Conservation Commission 2016 Annual Report

**ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to present a review of its 2016 activities and actions.

E2C2 bade farewell to several dedicated commissioners this year: Kari Klaus, Patrick Kenney, Noor Khalidi, and Greg Miller. The Commission thanks these members for their service and commitment. The Board appointed one new commissioner in 2016: Adanna Woodson. The following members serve on the Commission: Scott Dicke (Chair), Mike Hanna, Sarah Meservey, Christine Ng, Claire O’Dea, Alex Sanders, John Seymour, Irwin Kim, Gabriel Thoumi, and Adanna Woodson.

In 2016, the Environment and Energy Conservation Commission (E2C2) worked on a number of issues in the County and participated in numerous task forces and working groups with other commissions and citizens’ groups. Commissioners educated themselves on a number of energy and environmental issues relevant to Arlington now and in the future. The Commission continues to seek opportunities to improve communications with County Staff and Arlington Public Schools. These efforts paid off with the inclusion of E2C2 commissioners in several Public Facilities Review Committee meetings, and receipt of Environmental Assessments for school projects performed in compliance with Administrative Regulation 4.4.

Among the other advisory groups with which E2C2 worked most actively are the Urban Forestry Commission, the Park and Recreation Commission, and several task forces, including the Plan for Our Places and Spaces (POPS) Advisory Group, Community Energy Plan Implementation Review Committee, Williamsburg Field Site Evaluation Working Group, Street Light Working Group (now the Streetlight Advisory Committee), and a Parking Working Group. Finally, the Commission continued its tradition of hosting a public comment period at the beginning of each meeting. Many residents provided valuable comments on a variety of issues throughout the year.

The Commissioners also wish to thank all County staff who provided information and support to E2C2 in 2016. Staff members regularly attend E2C2 meetings, providing detailed reports and offering assistance in a timely manner. We are grateful to all staff who offered their time and expertise to the Commission this year.

Major issues addressed by the Commission during the year include the following:

### **Green Building and County Energy**

- E2C2 heard an update on the County Operations Energy Plan and the next steps for the County.
- Scott Dicke and Irwin Kim served on the Community Energy Plan (CEP) Implementation Review Committee (CEPIRC). During 2016 CEPIRC disbanded. E2C2 coordinated with County Staff and CEPIRC leadership to create a new committee under E2C2, the Energy Committee, to continue pursuit of long term CEP goals.

### **Solid Waste Issues**

- The Commission's Solid Waste Committee was chaired by Noor Khalidi. Scott Dicke took over the role when Ms. Khalidi left the Commission.
- The Commission heard updates on the Columbia Pike Recycling Center and the proposed move to the Trades Center. The Commission voted unanimously in support of the move.

### **Environmental Assessments**

- The Commission and staff continued to work toward an updated Administrative Regulation 4.4 (Environmental Assessment process).
- The Commission and staff began a process to review and rethink the EA 4.4 checklist.
- Two Environmental Assessments were brought before the Commission for review (Wilson and Stratford Schools).
- The Commission engaged in ongoing projects and provided updates on the progress of the Williamsburg Field Site Evaluation Working Group

### **Stormwater**

- Three members (Alex Sanders, Mike Hanna, and Christine Ng) served on the Four Mile Run Joint Task Force.
- The Commission heard a presentation about Stormwater Projects Update.

### **Wastewater**

- Members of E2C2 serve on the External Stakeholders Group of the Arlington County Solids Master Plan, assisting in the evaluation of options to manage waste solids generated at the Water Pollution Control Plant.

### **Open Space and Natural Resource Issues**

- Two members (Claire O'Dea, Alex Sanders) serve on the Public Spaces Master Plan Update Advisory Committee.
- Claire O'Dea served on the Plan for Our Places and Spaces (POPS) Advisory Committee.
- E2C2 engaged in multiple projects and advocated for the preservation and continued acquisition of open and natural space.

### **Legislative and Fiscal Issues**

- E2C2 provided comments to the Board regarding legislative agenda items for 2017.
- The Commission provided several suggestions to be pursued on the topics of Energy & Climate Legislation, Stormwater, Land Conservation, Invasive Species, Multi-Modal Transportation, and Recycling.

## **Transportation Issues**

- The Commission met with members of the Bicycle Advisory Committee to improve future coordination and communication between the two groups.
- The Commission discussed the Master Transportation Plan and the associated Bicycle Element.
- The Commission wrote a letter to the Board recommending that priority be given to the Bicycle Element of the Master Transportation Plan

## **In other actions, the Commission:**

- Met with Christian Dorsey, new County Board Liaison to the E2C2.
- Heard updates on the Lighting Master Planning Process and drafted an Outdoor Lighting Position Paper.
- Wrote letters regarding the Stratford School and Wilson School projects.
- Provided comments and a letter to the Board regarding the 2017 proposed budget. The Commission urged continued attention and resources to address energy, water, and open space issues.

## **Commissioners were active liaisons with the following groups and task forces:**

- Community Energy Plan Implementation Review Committee
- A Plan for Our Places and Spaces (POPS) Advisory Committee
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force
- Four Mile Run Valley Working Group
- Solid Waste Committee
- Site Plan Review Committee of the Planning Commission
- Urban Forestry Commission
- Chesapeake Bay Ordinance Review Committee
- Public Facilities Review Commissions
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group
- Williamsburg Field Site Evaluation Work Group
- Thomas Jefferson Working Group
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee
- S-3A Schools Zoning amendment

We look forward to working with you and your colleagues while continuing the Commission's work and taking on new environment and energy issues that face Arlington in 2017.

Respectfully,



Scott Dicke, Chair  
Environment and Energy Conservation Commission