

**Environment and Energy Conservation Commission**  
Draft

Summary of March 27, 2017 Meeting  
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Azalea Conference Room

Members Present: Michael Mesmer, Christine Ng, Mike Hanna, Sarah Meservey, John Bloom, John Seymour, Scott Dicke, Irwin Kim, Claire O’Dea, Adanna Woodson, Gabriel Thoumi,

Members Absent:

Guests: James O’Connell, Kari Klaus, Edie Wilson, Suzanne Bolton, Bill Browning, Sharath Reredy

Staff Present: Adam Segel-Moss (DES/OSEM)

**1. Public comment**

None

**2. TJ Elementary School Letter Review Approval**

The Commission reviewed the TJ Elementary School elements previously presented and discussed. The Commission noted that they were generally pleased with and support the use permit application. The Commission discussed the following items for their Board letter:

- Solar
- Geothermal heating and cooling
- Stormwater management
- Site Lighting

The Commission supports approval of the use permit and acceptance of the Environmental Assessment with the following recommendations:

1. That APS and the County take steps to ensure the inclusion of solar panels and a net zero energy facility, whether through this capital project, as a separate capital project or through a PPA or other delivery vehicle.
2. That the geothermal system be maintained in the project.
3. That a site condition be included in the use permit to ensure that APS obtains a maintenance contract for long-term maintenance of semi-pervious pavement.
4. That County policies be reviewed with regard to standard fixtures, such that new facilities are built meeting up-to-date standards.
5. That APS perform a light glare study and work with neighboring residents to minimize negative impacts.
6. That APS include EV charging stations as part of the structured parking.  
following additional comments and recommendations.

The letter was amended as discussed and approved unanimously. The letter will be sent to the County Board with a CC to the APS Board.

**3. Budget Comments and Letter Review**

The Commission discussed the letter that was drafter and previously circulated. The letter noted that the Commission does not support a 1 cent reduction in the proposed budget. The letter further clarified the Commission's budget interests to preserve:

- Environmental Management position in DES
- Enhanced streetlight program
- Priority snow-clearing for high-volume multi-use trails
- One-time \$2 million funding for land acquisition
- Increase in the Residential Utility Tax

The letter was approved unanimously and will be sent to the County Board.

**4. Four Mile Run Valley Letter Review / Approval**

E2C2 reviewed the draft letter that was previously circulated. E2C2 urged the Board to have staff present additional information regarding the environmental conditions and constraints of 4MR within the study area during the April 4, 2017 Working Group Meeting and subsequent Working Group meetings as required. The Commission requested that information be conveyed prior to the narrowing of options and the County Board Work Session.

The Commission approved the letter unanimously and will be sent to the County Board and circulated as appropriate.

**5. Williamsburg Lighting Letter Review / Approval**

The Commission discussed the ongoing Williamsburg Lighting issues and draft letter. The letter notes their stance on an Environmental Assessment and the timing for an assessment.

The letter was approved unanimously as discussed and amended. It will be sent to the Board with a CC to the APS Board.

**6. Old/New Business**

Irwin provided an update on the 4MRV process. He also noted that the Energy Committee selection is nearing a close. The Energy Committee formation is coming right along and the first meeting will likely occur in the early summer.

John Seymour noted updates on the Williamsburg Lighting project. He also noted ongoing discussions between staff and work group members for the streetlight management plan as it relates to the feedback process and how input is being weighed and included.

- Claire noted that the POPS group has been on hiatus. Claire also will attend Columbia Pike Form Based Code meeting. Claire asked that Adam look into the EA revision process to provide an update to the Commission in the near future.