

Draft Agenda

Rockville Environment Commission

Thursday , April 7 , 2022

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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7:00	1. Convene , Welcome , Introductions 2. Agenda Review ; Approval of prior meeting summary	Chair Clark Reed
7:05	3. Community Forum	Guests
7:10	4. Montgomery County EV Purchasing Cooperative Pilot Program Presentation on the EV Co-op program, overview of City communications, and discussion on how the Environment Commission can partner with the Coalition on outreach and education.	Cher Taylor, Electrification Coalition, Staff, All
7:40	5. Chair Report - Spring Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Achievements: March 7 Mayor and Council - Earth Month and Earth Hour proclamation; March 19: Go Electric Event o Stream Clean-up, April 9, 10-Noon, Maryvale o Solar Co-op opened April 1 - Signups for Farmer's Market which begins May 14. o May 28: Hometown Holidays Festival at RedGate o Other - REC Budget (\$1,000) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$633 for salt testing in FY22 o 1 award plaque - \$30 to \$40 - Other Topics	Chair Reed
8:00	6. Mayor and Council Report - CAP presentation at COG's Climate Policy Committee (CEEPC) - Other Topics	Hon. Monique Ashton
8:10	City FY2023 Budget and Tax Duplication Funding Update Update on environmental items in the FY2023 Budget and tax duplication funds	REC Liaison All
8:20	7. Maryland Legislation Update An update on environmental legislation before the Maryland General Assembly.	REC Liaison All
8:30	8. May - Chair Elections Any Commission members wishing to volunteer for chair are invited to provide a brief statement.	All
8:35	9. Committee Reports - Energy Committee	Clark Reed

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- Climate Action Committee
 - Watersheds Committee

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8:45 10. Staff Report

- **Rockville Community Electric Vehicle Readiness Planning** : Staff will be working with COG and a consultant to develop the plan to examine community and fleet charging needs and potential locations, permitting, City site electrical assessments, and code updates. This is CAP C-11.
- **Climate Action Plan** : Several new CAP initiatives are included in the proposed FY 2023 budget and staff is developing an action status tracking method (similar to the Comprehensive Plan). A Climate Solutions Speaker Series is planned for this Spring. Staff will be seeking Commission feedback on tracking and the webpage.
- **Building Tune-up** for City Hall: The contractor has completed the proposed tune-up measures to save energy.
- **City Hall energy efficient lighting update** : The 2nd floor upgrades are installed and undergoing adjustments. Staff expects to hear about the grant application to Maryland Smart Energy Communities for 3rd floor lighting upgrades, window film and thermostats soon.
- Staff met with Maryland and TA Engineering to discuss questions regarding the first draft of the 6 Taft Court and Maintenance Facility **solar/microgrid feasibility assessment** . A final draft is expected soon. Staff is identifying potential next steps.
- Staff continues to work with Pepco to identify suitable locations for **electric vehicle charging station** locations that will move to the next phase.
- Staff is working on a Maryland Energy Administration grant application to contribute to LED streetlight upgrades planned for FY2023 to replace more than 1,000 fixtures.
- Radon education: EMD staff is developing educational materials and a webpage on radon issues.
- The flood resiliency presentation was presented to the Mayor and Council on March 7. The City is applying for grants to help support flood resilience and is preparing for the release of new FEMA floodplain maps. A [flood resources webpage](#) includes a form to apply for flood damage assistance.

Mayor and Council

- **The FY 2023 Budget is in development.** The Annual Budget Survey link is found here: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/951/Budget-Financials>. Discussions on the tax duplication funds are planned for the April 18th Mayor and Council meeting.

Other Events

- o Thursday, April 7: "[Sustainable Home Landscaping 101](#)", 7-8 p.m. Virtual.
 - o Sunday, April 24: Science Day, noon-5 p.m. at Montgomery College, Rockville
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- Saturday, May 7: 20th Annual Spring Festival and Native Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-noon at Croydon Creek Nature Center.
- Thursday, May 12: "[Building and Living in Montgomery County's First Certified Net Zero Energy Home.](#)" 7-8 p.m. Virtual.

8:55	11. New Business	Chair Reed, All
9:00	12. Next meeting date and Adjourn	Chair Reed

General information

The next Commission meeting will be May 5. The public is invited to attend (virtually). Link will be available on meeting agenda. For meeting materials: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter/Environment-Commission-8>