

Environmental Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 4, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Urania Erskine
Antonio Monaco
Marissa Rogers (NPC Liaison)
Chairman Joe Skelley
David Smith
Susan Threlkeld
Jayu Wagh

STAFF

Tiffany Howlett
Alderman Jon McCreery
Director Bo Mills

ABSENT

Jimmy Davis
Michael McGinnis
Gene Phillips
Scott Schoefernacker

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the September 1, 2022 meeting by Urania Erskine and seconded by Susan Threlkeld.

ROLL CALL

Erskine-yes, Monaco-yes, Skelley-yes, Smith-yes, Threlkeld-yes, Wagh-yes.
Motion approved.

ALDERMAN LIAISON COMMENTS

- Alderman McCreery thanked those who were able to attend the Commission Celebration on October 2, 2022. It was a well attended event and was welcomed with positive feedback.

STAFF REPORTS

- Staff Liaison Howlett shared with the commission that the sanitation division recently visited Lausanne Collegiate School and conducted a recycling education programming.

- Director Mills gave an update on the elevated water tank, the pier at Cameron Brown Park, the new playground at Germantown Station Park, and the installation of artificial turf at Cameron Brown Park. Director Mills shared with the commission that a bid for asphalt milling and paving was received and will soon go before the board for approval.
- While still under construction, staff and members of the Environmental Commission will work to educate the public on the importance of the new elevated water tank.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- Commission members did not have anything to report.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE GERMANTOWN FORWARD 2035 PLAN

The Environmental Commission voted to adopt the Germantown Forward 2035 Plan. There was a motion from Commissioner Wagh and it was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Before making a recommendation to the BMA, commission members will invite experts on the matter to attend a future meeting to learn and understand different perspectives on this topic. Commission members will discuss water fluoridation further at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting. It will remain an agenda item until a motion is made by the commission.
- b. Important discussion among commission members took place regarding Environmental Commission modifications. Commission members and staff provided valuable input in how they would like to see these proposed modifications take shape.

By aligning the Environmental Commission with the strategic and operational goals of the Germantown Forward 2035 Natural Resources section, the proposed amendments would allow for an expansion of the objectives and current mission statement of the Environmental Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff and members of the Environmental Commission will discuss a plan for their upcoming holiday celebration in December.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

Erskine-yes, Monaco-yes, Skelley-yes, Smith-yes, Threlkeld-yes, Wagh-yes.
Motion approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Joe Skelley, Commission Chairman