

Final Report of the Strategic Planning Forum Permitted Interaction Group to the Environmental Advisory Council

February 1, 2022

This is the recommended timeline for the EAC's Strategic Planning process

February:

- EAC to review PIG Planning Forum outline/Final Report
- Materials prepared for Planning Forum

March:

- Council votes on PIG's recommendations

April:

- EAC Zoom Planning Forum
- SPC meets to summarize results from Planning Forum
- SPC drafts report on Planning Forum
- Planning Forum report to all participants

May:

- EAC discussion/adoption of Strategic Planning Committee's report

This is the PIG's recommended framework for the upcoming Strategic Planning

- It's a regularly-scheduled EAC meeting, so public is welcome.
- Invite selected individuals to participate
- Four (4) hour set aside; 2 hours, then 30 minute break, then 2 additional hours
- Ground rules for Strategic Planning Forum:
 - Robin will be content facilitator

- Les will be Zoom coordinator
- 3 minute limit/speaker
- There is no bad idea

This is the PIG’s recommended process for the Strategic Planning Forum

- Introductions [Onaona]
- Purpose of this Forum [Onaona]
- 5 year look back at accomplishments and successes [Onaona]
- Findings from past Annual Reports [Roy/5 minutes]
- Begin with §341-6 statutory statement of EAC’s role: [Robin]

§341-6 Functions of the environmental advisory council. The environmental advisory council shall serve as a liaison between the office of planning and sustainable development and the general public by soliciting information, opinions, complaints, recommendations, and advice concerning ecology and environmental quality through public hearings or any other means and by publicizing such matters as requested by the director pursuant to section 341-4(b)(3). The environmental advisory council may make recommendations concerning ecology and environmental quality to the office of planning and sustainable development and shall meet at the call of the council chairperson or the director of the office of planning and sustainable development upon notifying the council chairperson. The environmental advisory council shall monitor the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies and shall submit its report and recommendations for improvements concerning ecology and environmental quality to the office of planning and sustainable development, which shall include the report and recommendations in its annual report to the legislature. All state and county agencies shall cooperate with the council by responding to its requests for information.”

- Opening Question: What does that 341- 6 statement mean? Take each key word: [Robin]
 - liaison
 - soliciting

- ecology
- environmental quality
- recommendations
- monitor the progress
- State's environmental goals and policies
- recommendations for improvements
- publishes its findings (now as a component of OPSD's Annual Report.)

Discussion Questions

- Within that statutory role, what should be EAC's priorities?
- What's the best way, given our extremely limited resources, to exercise those priorities?
- How do we "stretch" the resources of OPSD?
- How can this statutory role be communicated to the EAC's key constituents?
- If the opportunity arises to revise/expand the EAC's role, what would be included?

Goals for the Discussion

- Clarity on our role and resources needed to fulfill that role
- Priorities for next 12 months and what's needed to accomplish those?
- Priorities for next 5 years