

EAC and CAP (4)

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(4th in a series about Bethlehem's Climate Action Plan)

Note: see “our” Kathy Fox ([“We can work for an improved environment.” Morning Call, December 9, 2018](#)), a member of Bethlehem's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), reporting on the recent CAP progress meeting as well as also calling attention, as we noted Martha Christine did in our last post, to The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act ([H.R. 7173](#)), which will “drive down America's carbon pollution and bring climate change under control, while unleashing American technology innovation and ingenuity.”

“There is no reason why good cannot triumph as often as evil.

The triumph of anything is a matter of organization.”

(Kurt Vonnegut)

If we are going to have a Bethlehem Climate Action Plan, we are going to need some (a lot of) organized activity.

Gadfly is just happily reviewing a slice of the past history of the planning for a CAP plan to give a sense of motion and progress – and a sense of faith that good might triumph over evil.

In the last post, Gadfly brought us up to the formation of a CAP working group, which, as CM Reynolds outlined in his mission statement included in that same post, would include “representatives of the Administration, City Council, the Environmental Advisory Council, and members of the community.”

So, linked here you will find [“City of Bethlehem – Climate Action Plan,”](#) an April information document from the Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), chaired by Lynn Rothman, a wonderful group that Gadfly has been “auditing” (which means he doesn't have to take the exam) for several months.

The EAC looks like it will be the key partner for CM Reynolds, and, for the record, the EAC “consists of Bethlehem citizens appointed by City

Council to provide recommendations to City Council and the Administration on environmental issues relating to the City.”

The [EAC web page](#) will fill you in on members and their activities and includes a copy of the Green Bethlehem Initiative Survey done as part of CAP planning.

A key part of the EAC’s information document is a timeline showing proposed activities for 2018-2019.

There’s nothing like a timeline to keep you organized, to keep you honest.

The EAC meets the first Thursday of every month, 7PM, at Illick’s Mill. Visitors welcome. I just dropped in one night and have never left.

Coming up to the present. Info on the Dec 4 meeting coming next—

It’s Wednesday, December 12, do you know where your local Climate Action Plan is?