

Council candidate Grace Crampsie Smith visits the EAC: passionate about affordable housing

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“I was fortunate to grow up in the Jim Thorpe area, so I was surrounded by the beauty of the environment as I was growing up.”

Bethlehem’s Environmental Advisory Council, April 1, 2021

- born to a police chief and a nurse
- grew up in Jim Thorpe area, surrounded by environmental beauty
- spent career in human services: guidance counselor, addictions counselor, mental health and disabilities
- taught at community college
- grateful mother of three
- almost arrested for refusing to litter (you have to listen!)
- Affordable Housing Task Force
- Insurance coverage for PTSD for first responders
- helping business owners during pandemic
- Community Engagement Initiative for social justice and police issues
- working with Chief Kott of police training
- responsible contractor ordinance
- critical to preserve single-family homes
- voted for regulation of student housing
- voted against closing of Packer Ave.
- supported pedestrian bridge feasibility study
- initiated block watch



- partnered with Pros-for-Clothes supplying clothes for homeless

“The issue of homelessness and the lack of inclusionary, multi-level income housing in our city is very passionate to me, and I have fought to try to do whatever we can to make Bethlehem as inclusionary as possible from a housing perspective.”

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