

The Environmental Advisory Council recommendations on the Polk Street Garage

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*(The latest in a series of posts relating to parking, the environment,
Bethlehem's Climate Action Plan, and Bethlehem's Environmental
Advisory Council)*

The good ol' Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Love 'em!

Always a step ahead.

Look at this July 29 letter to the Bethlehem Parking Authority about the design of the Polk Street Garage (be sure to note the interesting photos):

[EAC to Parking.Authority](#)

The EAC has recommendations concerning electric vehicle charging stations, solar panels, stormwater management, tree replacement, and car idling impact.

This is exactly the kind of thing that Gadfly expressed concern about [in a post yesterday](#) when he said, “Gadfly is wondering, for instance, how the garage fits in with any related City goals — like walkability or Climate Action or whatever.”

Gadfly worries that the BPA works independently.

He hopes that the Polk Street Garage design will have plenty of public review as well as the routine technical scrutiny from the City departments.

He is not sure what “power” the EAC has, but you would think the City would be under great pressure to make sure the BPA follows such recommendations.

If we are serious about a Climate Action Plan, such recommendations must be followed.

It's Wednesday, August 7, do you know where your local Climate Action Plan is?