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TO: Eric D. Campbell, City Manager  
FROM: Thomas Hartman, PE, Assistant Director of Public Works  
DATE: February 27, 2018  
RE: Presentation from Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Committee

**Summary:** Presentation from Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Committee including discussion of a Sustainable Action Plan Working Group, Building Energy Standards, and the Dry River Watershed.

**Background:**

In July of 2016 City Council adopted the Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Committee (EPSAC) bylaws and later in 2016 appointed members to the committee. The committee first met in March of 2017 and currently meets once a quarter to discuss ways to create a set of environmental performance standards for public development and redevelopment projects, as well as discuss ways to encourage private sector involvement.

To date the committee has met four (4) times and at each meeting time has been spent learning from different City staff stakeholders concerning a wide array of topics from discussions concerning state code and the Dillon rule to how Harrisonburg Electric Commission operates. The group has also hosted representatives from Roanoke and Blacksburg to learn how they developed their programs and hear how they are continuing to advance their local initiatives.

In addition to these open discussions the EPSAC has created sub groups to better focus on three (3) areas of interest for the group. The first group is working to develop at Sustainable Action Plan, one group is working on Building Energy Standards, and the final group is developing ideas for the Dry River Watershed.

**Key Issues:** None.

**Environmental Impact:** None.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Prior Actions:** None.

**Alternatives:** None.

**Community Engagement:** None.

**Recommendation:** None.

**Attachments:** Council Presentation and web page resource list.

**Review:**

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