

Fwd: [WG Listserv] Re: For Your Information - Pepco EV Charging Stations

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Mon 1/10/2022 4:00 PM

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Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I might not be able to attend the Town Council meeting tonight but want to share my strong support for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in Town as proposed by PEPCO. As noted, PEPCO will install these chargers without cost to the Town and there seems to me to be no downside. Increasing numbers of electric vehicles are a reality in the not-too-distant future and Washington Grove should be supporting this technology as much as possible. The few people I've heard who are not in favor seem to be objecting based on fear of "the other" who may come through Town or with vague complaints about use of Town property for commercial use. These complaints are not compelling in my opinion and the Town should jump on board whenever it can to better the environment.

Thanks,

Liz Everhart

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From: **Christine Dibble** <christinedibble@outlook.com>

Date: Mon, Jan 10, 2022 at 1:42 PM

Subject: [WG Listserv] Re: For Your Information - Pepco EV Charging Stations

To: PATRICE KLEIN <patriceklein@hotmail.com>, Washington Grove Neighborhood Listserv <wgrove@googlegroups.com>, John Compton <johncompton@me.com>, Darrell Anderson <deanderson47@verizon.net>, Barbara Raimondo <baraimondo@me.com>, Gray Yachup <gyachup@gmail.com>, David Cosson <dcosson@rcn.com>

CC: Tom Land <thomasland@outlook.com>

To everyone on the listserv, as a follow-up to my email replying to Patty's, if you would like to express your opinion at tonight's meeting, I urge you to first read what the Planning Commission and HPC have said. Both documents are on the website. HPC comments are here: <https://washingtongrovermd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/HPC-Comments-on-EV-charger-proposal-111621.pdf> and PC comments are here: <https://washingtongrovermd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Consistency-of-proposed-electric-vehicle-EV-chargers-with-Charter-zoning-ordinances-and-Master-Plan.pdf>

Cheers,

Christine

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From: Christine Dibble <christinedibble@outlook.com>

Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 1:35 PM

To: PATRICE KLEIN <patriceklein@hotmail.com>; Washington Grove Neighborhood Listserv <wgrove@googlegroups.com>; John Compton <johncompton@me.com>; Darrell Anderson <deanderson47@verizon.net>; PATRICE KLEIN <patriceklein@hotmail.com>; Barbara Raimondo <baraimondo@me.com>; Gray Yachup <gyachup@gmail.com>; Christine Dibble <christinedibble@outlook.com>; David Cosson <dcosson@rcn.com>

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Hi Patty, I applaud your efforts to hear the opinions of other Grove residents before or during tonight's meeting, because I do think that there has been a lot of interest around the idea of installing EV charging stations.

However, your email did not present all the facts at hand, and you presented the facts unfairly. For example,

- you mentioned that Pepco will charge at least three times the cost/KWH of your home electric utility service for using their EV charging stations, but you omitted that the Public Service Commission sets these rates.
- you mentioned that the town has not investigated other competing sources for EV charging stations for comparison of services, but omitted the fact that Pepco would install these stations at no cost to the town, while other providers would charge the town to do so.

- you asked "Is there an urgency now to install?" but omitted the fact that there are already 8 or 9 electric vehicles in the Town, and that auto executives estimate that more than half of U.S. car sales will be EVs by 2030.
- you mention Article VII (Zoning) – Section 7.1 (c) of the Code of Ordinances, but failed to mention Article VII (Zoning) – Section 3.33, which states that the Town's zoning ordinances do not apply to publicly-owned or leased land used for a public purpose or benefit.

You also failed to mention that the Planning Commission and HPC have weighed in regarding the compatibility of the proposed charging stations with the historic character of the Grove and with our Charter and Code of Ordinances, and the Sustainability Group supports the installation.

Your cherry-picking of facts in your email leads me to believe that you are incapable of voting impartially, if the Council in fact votes this evening on the issue. In short, I think that the way you presented the facts in your email was inappropriate for a Town Councilor and that you should recuse yourself from any vote tonight, since you have clearly made up your mind in advance of the meeting.

Cheers,

Christine

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From: wgrove@googlegroups.com <wgrove@googlegroups.com> on behalf of PATRICE KLEIN <patriceklein@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 9, 2022 11:50 PM
To: Washington Grove Neighborhood Listserv <wgrove@googlegroups.com>
Subject: [WG Listserv] For Your Information - Pepco EV Charging Stations

Dear Neighbors,

FYI: The Town Council has received a proposal from Pepco to install Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations in our Town. This topic is listed on the agenda for discussion and proposed action at the January 10th Town Council meeting (see attached). I would like to bring to your attention several items of concern for your consideration:

1. Pepco will charge at least three times the cost/KWH of your home electric utility service for using their EV charging stations.
2. Pepco is a public utility company that provides electricity to individual residential homes through direct utility line connection and billing to residential customers at that address. In contrast, their EV stations will be connected to the electric utility lines and commercially available for general use by town residents and any non-residents without regard to established residential customer accounts.
3. Our town is zoned residential with exception of the Town Parks, East/West Woods Preserves, and the Commercial Corner. Installation of the EV charging stations in several residential locations of town has been proposed.
4. Our town Ordinances restrict the use of our public land 'for profit' and commercial purposes. Article VII (Zoning) -Section 7.1 (c) states "*to protect the non-commercial areas of Town as far as possible from activities that use the advantages of the Town itself such as its facilities, character, natural beauty, and historic background for individual financial gain.*" The Pepco EV charging stations are a commercial, for-profit enterprise.
5. The town has not investigated other competing sources for EV charging stations for comparison of services.
6. What is the existing demand in our town to install commercial EV charging stations at this time? Is there an urgency now to install?
7. How many town residents would require a commercial EV charging station if they could not charge their electric vehicle directly at home at lower cost and better convenience?
8. If EV charging stations are installed on Town public land, should the Town Council require Pepco to pay for use of our public land?

As your Town Councilor, I am interested to hear your opinions before or during the January 10th Town Council meeting. Please provide any comments to the Mayor and Town Council.

Also, please let the Mayor and Town Council know if an Informational Meeting would be beneficial to learn more about options available to us before any Town Council decisions are made.

Kind regards,

Patty (Klein)

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