1. **Review 3/5/18 meeting notes**
   - Accepted as written with request for Andrew Capelluti’s plant palette list.

2. **Brief Summary of LD 1853**
   - Overview with reference to MMA document that describes the process in detail.
     - City staff and PMAC members submitted testimony opposing initiative.
     - It’s likely there will be similar efforts in future legislative sessions given strong ongoing opposition.

3. **Exemption & Waiver Updates**
   - **Reviewed Corporation Counsel’s recommendations for various questions related to PMAC:**
     - Contractor for Texas Instruments will need to submit waiver request for consideration before PMAC can render judgement but unlikely waiver provisions will be met.
     - Waiver review committee: ordinance as currently written requires 2 fixed members – PMAC Chair and agronomist; however, other PMAC members can be consulted to help inform waiver review committee’s decisions.
     - 4/10/18 at 7PM: consideration by Council to exempt broadcast application of synthetic pesticides for areas surrounding oil tanks.
       - PMAC written recommendations to Council to reject request.
       - PMAC members will attend meeting.
       - Suggestion to consider mowing while oil tanks are empty.

4. **E&O Campaign Status**
   - Several info resources either complete are nearing completion (calendar, posters, post cards, ordinance basics brochures, etc.).
• Tabling at public events: Jesse, Julie and Fred will be meeting with project partners later in April.
  o Home Depot has agreed to allow PMAC to set up display table in the near future.
  o PMAC members have also approached Broadway Gardens and Drillens about holding similar events at each location.

• Full “hand-on” events / activities for later this year (summer / early fall) with Jesse, Chip Osborne and/or Jay Feldman: demonstrate various DIY cultural practices in addition to more involved activities that might require use of landcare professionals (“ask an expert”).

• Website Development
  o Considerable discussion on website design, layout and content:
    ▪ Make page layouts consistent in terms of sidebar placement, font size, color, etc.
    ▪ Reduce verbosity
    ▪ Add invasives list
    ▪ Develop bibliography of books, articles and related info resources
    ▪ Stress importance of calcium
    ▪ Clarify / emphasize 96 hr posting time following pesticide application (organic or synthetic)
    ▪ Still need to address (more) invasive insects
    ▪ Specify allowed practices rather than products
    ▪ Include other organizations on the “Why Ban Pesticides” page, e.g., MBPC, UMass (turf fact sheet), UMaine Coop. Ext., etc.
    ▪ Include relevant / applicable YouTube videos – lots of existing resources
  o Website still actively being developed by staff and consultants and will be completed by 5/1/18
  o Consider it a near-continuous work in progress and potentially subject to periodic improvements

5. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: April 2, 2018 from 5-6:30 PM at the Community Center