MEETING NOTES

Evanston Environment Board
Thursday, January 10, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge, Room #2200

Members Present: Susan Besson, Stephanie Brown, Tom Clark, Kevin Glynn, Likwan Cheng, Laurie Zoloth

Members Absent: Suzanne Waller, Hugh Bartling, Ellen King

Presiding Members: Susan Besson

I. CALL TO ORDER
   A. S.Besson began the meeting at 7:08. The meeting was called to order and the minutes from the December meeting were approved.

II. CITIZEN COMMENT

III. VOTE TO AMEND BYLAWS
   A. The Board voted to amend the bylaws in order to reduce the number of Environment Board members from thirteen to nine. The Board voted to have this request considered by the Rules Committee and then A&PW.

IV. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 115-O-12 – NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN USE & ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 114-O-12 – URBAN FARM USE
   A. The Board requested that the ordinance review be moved to February in order to give them enough time to write up their suggestions and questions. The Board discussed the amendment to the ordinance and why it was created. Some details to why certain statements were made were also discussed, such as no yard waste was allowed on-site per EPA guidelines. The spirit of the amendment was to ensure something existed to allow for a special use such as this one considering the current ordinance does not support such a use.

V. COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE
   A. The Environment Board was tasked with writing a complete streets ordinance for the City. The ordinance would not have implementation language, but would be a guideline that covered a review process that must consider all types of users when designing and constructing streets.

   The Board would work with staff and then encourage residents to come to meetings and provide their input during the meetings.
S. Robinson explained that a project, such as this one will elevate the Board by using its members’ expertise to show its effectiveness. S. Brown stated that it is the job of the Board to use its expertise and the City’s staff to get feedback from the public.

VI. MEETING CONCLUSION
The meeting was concluded at 8:53 pm.

NEXT MEETING – February 14, 2013