Evanston Environment Board    Quorum Present
7:00 p.m. Room 2200
Lorraine H. Morton Center
2100 Ridge Ave.

Thursday, November 11, 2010

Board Attendance:

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Community Members Present:

Patrick Conway, Evanston Resident (Topic: Veolia Waste Transfer Station)
Hal Sprague, Evanston Resident, CGE (Topic: Storm Water Management)
Tom McMahon, Evanston Resident, CGE (Topic: EB/CGE Collaboration)

Staff Present:

Carl Caneva, Health Department

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chair Besson

I. Approval of Minutes from September and October

K. Glynn moved to approve the minutes. A. Viner noted a date change for the October minutes. Chair Besson requested that the September minutes be amended as follows: scratch reference to IV, G – Strike “S Besson looked into funding opportunities in the City of Evanston.” Additionally, Chair Besson requested October minutes be amended as follows: IV, C, iii, “…in addition to City staff, City Council requested…”.

C Caneva indicated the changes will be made, motion seconded by H. Bartling.

Motion passed with 5 Y 0 N 2 Abstentions
II. Citizen Comment

a. Veolia/Onyx Waste Transfer Station

Patrick Conway (1633 Church Street) spoke to the board regarding the Veolia Transfer Station. He reported on a nuisance odor complaint from Sept. 27, 2010. There was a hearing held in the City of Evanston’s Administrative Adjudication Process. Mr. Conway indicated he worked with City Staff to file a complaint, a continuance was granted. Mr. Anger, City Staff Attorney, represented the City of Evanston and referenced Section 8.1.4.a. Mr. Conway quoted the City Code addressing Nuisance Odors. The Hearing Officer heard the case and Mr. Conway described his testimony regarding the complaint. The attorney for Veolia called the manager, Mark Moxon, of the site to testify on Veolia’s behalf. Veolia presented its case. According to Mr. Conway, the Hearing Officer stated there was insufficient evidence to find Veolia liable. If there had been more than one citizen complaint, then Veolia would have been fined. Mr. Conway was grateful that Ald. Holmes and Baptiste were also at the hearing.

K. Glynn asked if there were others that have filed complaints since. Mr. Conway indicated that there were no other complaints issued. However, fellow resident, Cindy Levitt, has noted several early start times. He cited the weather conditions as a deterrent to further complaints. Mr. Conway stated future complaints will include more residents. Chair Besson asked how one incident is listed as the complaint rather than a slew of incidences. Mr. Conway indicated that he previously contacted IEPA and Veolia and no response was received. This was the first time the City of Evanston became involved. A. Viner requested Mr. Conway consider contacting the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB). Mr. Conway indicated the neighbors are collecting a log of information. A. Viner stated the IPCB complaint form is available online. She also directed Mr. Conway to contact Community Relations at IEPA; specifically Tammy Nibergal or Kurt Mitchell. Mr. Conway stated that he is developing a log to record all incidences E. Port asked if Mr. Conway has attempted to contact other neighboring areas as the noise ordinance does not require neighborhood disturbance – just that one person be disturbed. Mr. Conway indicated has contacted other neighbors and will continue to log offenses.

b. Environment Board/CGE Collaboration

Tom McMahon with Citizens’ Greener Evanston spoke and hopes to work more collaboratively with the board.
III. News
   a. Backyard Hens
      i. C. Caneva gave an update about Coop Licenses. To date, 1 permit has been issued, with 1 pending, and 18 permit forms requested. A 3 Coop per ward amendment to the existing Ordinance (proposed by Alderman Rainey) will be discussed at the next Council meeting, and due to the changes a moratorium on issuing new permits has been issued.
      ii. E. Port – what if you go out and find chickens without an application? C. Caneva – we’re trying to get them into compliance. E. Port – coming into compliance shouldn’t be discouraged.
      iii. H. Bartling – A memo was sent to Council from the legal department regarding some changes in language regarding the slaughter/butchering of chickens. What was changed re butchering in Evanston? Who addressed that?

b. Wind RFI Update
   i. K. Glynn stated there were no updates. The next big event will be the Rules Committee – December 6th, 6pm. CGE will be issuing a new Wind Farm FAQ, v. 4 soon. He requested the board suggest individuals with expertise to be part of the committee. Members of the board expressed a need for an individual with a financial background be on the board. Board members asked if a requirement to be on the board was to be an Evanston Resident. K. Glynn stated the states of Michigan and Ohio are well underway in the process. The Army Corps of Engineers are the lead agencies involved. Leaders in this effort are Cleveland (jobs), Ontario and the state of Michigan. E. Port asked why Evanston was not being considered for constructing portions of the turbines. K. Glynn indicated a lack of industrial base and ability to ship the large, heavy materials in and out of the city.

IV. Stormwater Management
   a. Chair Besson stated that she L. Cheng and community activist, Hal Sprague met to speak about how the City of Evanston and the EB could cooperate to improve stormwater management within the city.
   b. Mr. Sprague indicated he would like to review ordinances addressing stormwater and amend as needed to add more sustainable provisions. He indicated the process of reviewing projects involves a number of different departments. He has contacted the City of Evanston and will work with the new Sustainability Coordinator. A. Viner indicated this effort fit with the CAP and asked how the EB can help.
   c. Mr. Sprague indicated he is also a member of Citizens’ Greener Evanston (CGE).
   d. K. Glynn indicated this may require a business process change.
e. **Chair Besson** stated the issue at hand may involve the education of City of Evanston staff. The goal is to educate staff on best practices regarding stormwater.

f. **Mr. Sprague** indicated that many cities have Climate Action Plans (CAP) and Climate Adaptation Plans. These address the need for communities to adapt as the impacts of climate change are realized. He indicated the goal is to change and update applicable ordinances.

g. **Mr. Sprague** referred to a document (see attachment), provided by Carolyn Collopy, former Sustainable Programs Manager, outlining Evanston’s Storm Water Related Ordinance.

h. **Chair Besson** indicated Stormwater Management is addressed by the IEPA MS4 permit. **Mr. Sprague** asked how the ordinances could be changed so the City of Evanston will be compliant with the MS4 permit. According to **K. Glynn**, the area of the code with greatest impact is 4-24-1 covering Stormwater Control; City Sewer systems, Flood plains, impervious paving, plumbing; SPARC, etc.

i. **H. Sprague, L. Cheng and Chair Besson** will continue to meet and review the document from Carolyn to identify areas of the code where we can act or make suggestions to the Mayor for staff collaboration.

V. **Multi-Modal Transportation Plan (MMTP) Update**

a. **H. Bartling** presented his review of the MMTP (see attached slide presentation). He was looking at issues like: what is happening with the recommendations made, are the current racks appropriately placed, how is winter maintenance handled, etc.

b. **Chair Besson** indicated the downtown plan contained provisions relating to the number of bike parking spaces required per car parking space. She requested information regarding how to add more specific provisions to the plan.

c. **H. Bartling** asked questions about MMTP plan updates. **C. Caneva** will follow-up with City of Evanston staff.

d. **A. Viner** stated she had recently traveled to London where bike rental is prolific. She asked if there were private companies that could take on this effort rather than relying on the City of Evanston to fund.

e. **H. Bartling** indicated the companies in Paris and London are subsidized by advertising companies, or other means of private investment.

f. **P. Finnegan** stated she received an email from [www.sustainableaction.org](http://www.sustainableaction.org) looking for a location to store 40-50 bikes for a bike library.

g. **E. Port** stated a pilot project began at NU and within a year the program lost all of the bikes.

h. **H. Bartling** asked if it would be useful to look into an Ad Hoc Committee to look at bike parking. He indicated a want to talk to Public Works to move forward.

i. **C. Besson** attended a meeting regarding bike parking and she indicated a demonstration street would be a good means to educate the public.

j. **E. Port** asked the population of bikers in Evanston. **H. Bartling** indicated there are approximately 2-3% of the individuals use bicycles for their commute.
k. **H. Bartling** indicated some of the issues with parking included parking deficiencies.

l. An ad-hoc committee, made up of **E. King and H. Bartling**, will meet to discuss these issues and suggestions for Board action.

**VI. Code Review Update**

a. **K. Glynn** presented information about his review of Municipal Code (see attached). It was reviewed for compliance with the CAP. **K. Glynn** recommends that the terms below be revised for more applicable definitions within the code.
   i. Solar Collector
   ii. Definition for Geothermal
   iii. Coin Operated
   iv. Coal Burning
   v. Refuse Disposal By Burning
   vi. Definition of reconstruction vs. demolition
   vii. Weeds

b. **K. Glynn** also addressed several other items that will need to be revised. However, it is anticipated that these will be more difficult.
   i. Junk
   ii. Alcohol
   iii. Automatic dry cleaning machines
   iv. Graywater handling
   v. Electrical Code—smart grid
   vi. Wind turbines
   vii. Impervious surface

c. **K. Glynn** will send all ordinances for review to **C. Caneva** to pass to the City of Evanston’s Legal Staff.

d. The board will address concerns in a memo to the Legal Department.

**VII. Environment Board size, attendance**

a. **Chair Finnegan** stated **D. Biss** has been elected as a State Representative, and, as such has resigned his position. The Board recognized **D. Biss**'s contributions to the Board and wished him luck in Springfield. **E. Port** is attending his last meeting and will not renew his membership. **P. Finnegan** conducted an informal survey of the other City Boards and Committees and discovered that the average Board/Committee size is 8 while the EB is 13 members. The board currently has 10 active members with 3 vacancies. **P. Finnegan** discussed reducing the board to 9. **A Viner** asked if there were individuals in line for the board. **P. Finnegan** indicated she is unaware.

b. **E. Port** indicated that since he became a board member it has become more homogenous than diverse.

c. **K. Glynn** indicated if we/the City wants diversity the Board should be bigger.

d. **P. Finnegan** asked for alternative quorum suggestions. **A Viner** will review the bylaws. **E. Port** indicated the state has a requirement, he indicated the requirement is a meeting has a majority of a quorum.
e. Meeting dates for 2011 all fall on the second Thursday of each month. C Caneva will reserve a room for the dates. E. Port asked the board to not have meetings during parent/teacher conferences.

i. 2011 Meeting Dates
   1. January 13th
   2. February 10th
   3. March 3rd
   4. April 14th
   5. May 12th
   6. June 9th
   7. July 14th
   8. No August meeting
   9. September 8th
   10. October 13th
   11. November 10th
   12. December 8th

VIII. Roundtable
   a. District 65 contacted C. Caneva for assistance with school lunch tray waste management concerns. According to communications from D65, 15,000 styrofoam trays are used each week and the green team is seeking an alternative. However, they currently pay just $0.03/tray and do not have budget to pay any more. Chair Finnegan indicated that several Board members provided resources and references and that there is little opportunity to improve the system given current budget restrictions. Many alternatives do exist, but would require money.
      i. E. Port indicated the issue was the structure rather than the actual tray.
      ii. A. Viner indicated that even if schools had reusable trays they lack the appropriate facilities to wash them.
      iii. E. Port suggested a cold meal one day a week.
      iv. A. Viner indicated Whole Foods will be running a salad bar in Willard School.

   b. C. Finnegan indicated the Plastic Bag ordinance will again be considered. More news on that to follow.

K. Glynn motioned to adjourn, motion seconded by E. King, meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

NEXT MEETING – December 9, 2010