MEETING NOTES
Evanston Environment Board
Thursday, February 13, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge, Room #2200

Members Present: Susan Besson, Hugh Bartling, Todd Schwier, Samuel Headd, Kevin Glynn

Members Absent: Ellen King, Likwan Cheng, Tom Clark

Staff: Catherine Hurley, Sustainable Programs Coordinator

Presiding Member/s: Susan Besson

I. CALL TO ORDER – S. Besson called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL of MINUTES from January. Minutes approved.
S. Besson made a MOTION to approve. K. Glenn SECONDED. All in favor.

III. CITIZEN COMMENT No Citizen Comment

IV. STAFF UPDATES (ATTACHMENT)
C. Hurley directed the Board’s attention. STAR Communities application was submitted. The Transportation and Parking Committee has approved the new PEV Charging Stations to be installed at the Maple Avenue Parking Garage. 3rd Annual Evanston Green Ball will be held on Friday, May 30, 2014. C. Hurley Invited Board to meeting to see what students are recommending for initial Divvy stations.

V. BIKE PARKING FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT
Damir Latinovic, the City’s Neighborhood and Land Use Planner with Community Development, informed the Board that the City currently does not have any Bike Parking requirements, typically, but to be LEED Certified, properties are required to have Bike Parking but do not state where the parking has to be. D. Latinovic discusses how most all projects, aside from single family homes, have to go through the SPARCC. D. Latinovic discussed if the City had an ordinance, they would be able to be more specific regarding bike parking requirements. The Planning Department will be working on updating the Comprehensive Plan and will include requirements for bike parking. Board will look at what other communities have done as far as bike parking ordinances; develop formula for reducing car parking and adding bike parking, and guidelines on how to develop bike parking. Board can also look at requirements for existing buildings that would include a fee in lieu of putting bike parking in.
The board members are going to start researching and working on ideas to get the process going.

VI. NEXT CLIMATE ACTION GOAL
C. Hurley gave a quick synopsis on the Climate Action Goals. The two goals discussed in 2012: 1) identifying Greenhouse Gas reduction and 2) plan on how to achieve that. In 2014, there now is a Climate Action Plan. The Board reviews the Climate Action Plan. C. Hurley’s goal is to present this to City Council in April. C. Hurley is requesting feedback from Board at next meeting and possibly endorsing the Plan. S. Besson gave comments and feedback. Board will review plan and take vote at next meeting to possibly endorse Climate Action Plan.

VII. WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY
C. Hurley gave an overview of the 3 main types of material in our mainstream: 1) Solid Waste (refuse, garbage) 2) Yard Waste and 3) Recycling. Solid Waste is broken up into 4 categories: 1) Residential and Multi-family collected by Groot 2) Commercial Franchise collected by Groot 3) Condos collected by Lake Shore if they meet 75% owner occupancy 4) City garbage collected by City staff. In recycling there is the commercial franchise which includes the businesses and also residential multi-family properties. At this point, there is no breakdown of tonnage between the two. Yard waste is collected by Groot. By ordinance, we are able to select one or more haulers for one or more streams. Board is looking to aim for zero waste. Focus on increasing recycling through increased rechecking.

Board discussed next goals:
1. Aim for Zero Waste
2. Increase recycling
3. Opportunities for Hazardous waste and special materials.
4. Food Scrap Hauling Diversion

VIII. BOARD EVOLUTION
S. Bessor informs the board that Likwan’s term is over in March and will not be renewing his membership. S. Bessor announces she will be resigning from the Environment Board. C. Hurley informed the Board that four new members have been appointed by the Mayor.

IX. ROUNDTABLE

X. ADJOURNMENT
S. Besson MOTION to adjourn.

NEXT MEETING – April 10, 2014