Meeting called to order by Chair Finnegan at 7:07 p.m. Chair Finnegan announced the passing of Board Member William Gallagher. The board appreciated the commitment and work he provided and noted that he will be missed both as a fellow member and friend.

I. Motion to approve the May minutes by Chair Besson, seconded by Suzanne T. Waller. Motioned passed unanimously.

II. Citizen Comment

III. News
   a. Backyard Hens – June 7th Human Services Committee
      i. Chair Finnegan updated the board members the Human Services Committee requested more information regarding enforcement, setbacks, predatory proofing before moving forward. Chair Besson asked how the EB can be involved in the process. S. Waller stated she believed a memo should be sent to the members. K. Glynn asked what materials were provided to council regarding the proposed ordinance. C. Caneva stated the board could send a memo to the Human Services Committee and either have it included in the memo or enter it via public comment. Chairs Besson and Finnegan will draft a memo.
   b. Wind
      i. K. Glynn stated there should be responses received by June 320, 2010 regarding the wind turbine Request For Information. Chair Finnegan read the details of the report by Sustainability Coordinator, Carolyn Collopy (in June packet). No responses have been received to date, 12 or so companies have indicated interest. K. Glynn indicated the issue was brought up at Ald. Grover’s and Ald. Fiske’s Wards. Other Aldermen have indicated an interest to moderate a wind farm discussion.
   c. Exit Sign Retrofit
i. Business Association Sustainable Evanston (BASE) partnering with City Of Evanston deadline extended to June, Chair Finnegan encouraged all to participate

d. Sustainability Update
  i. Chair Finnegan read highlights from Carolyn Collopy’s report (in the June Packet).

IV. Outreach


b. Calendar of events
  i. District 65 Greening Committee (S. Kaplan)
  ii. NU Sustainable Work Group (S. Waller)
  iii. District 202 Edible Farm (H. Bartling)
    1. Chair Besson indicated an interest in getting involved in Block Parties or Ward Meetings, in order to find out about activities
    2. Co-Chairs Finnegan and Besson requested members visit their ward meetings.

c. Environment Board page on City Website – What content should the EB have on our site, aside from current content
  i. Chair Finnegan announced the page is on the website. The Green Building Ordinance, Integrated Pest Management Resolution, memos to council will be posted.
  ii. C. Caneva indicated the website would be changing and will allow for more efficient changes.
  iii. H. Bartling asked the level of traffic the EB pages see. C. Caneva will research.

V. Beach Water Quality

a. C. Caneva presented information about Beach Water Sampling, the presentation can be found in the June packet.

b. The following information was discussed:
  i. Evanston Beaches are tested in the morning and afternoon
  ii. The City of Evanston works in partnership with the Illinois Department of Public Health and the United States Geological Survey to increase the amount of variables tested for. Turbidity meters and wave measurement devices have been given to the City from USGS.
  iii. Beachwater is tested for E. Coli and 235 cfu/100ml results close a beach.
  iv. Sample results are returned 18 hours after the test is taken. This is the most rapid test currently available.
  v. The testing from 2007-2009 seasons is being used to construct a predictive model for the beaches. Using this model, City of Evanston staff would enter environmental conditions (wind, temperature, turbidity etc.) into an equation to predict the level of E. Coli in the water. The beaches would be closed prior to testing based on the results.
VI. Code Review

da. **K. Glynn** presented his report on the Evanston Municipal Code. He was interested in changing information about coal burning, junk, geothermal, solar collectors, disposal by burning, and weeds. He indicated if weeds were over 8” it was a violation of the code. **Chair Finnegan** will look to the Ecology Center for guidance on native planting. **K. Glynn** also attempted to address bicycle parking, and requested additional help. **K. Glynn** indicated there is more work than indicated in the report, but the other changes identified were not feasible at this time. **C. Caneva** will contact the legal department regarding the next steps.

b. **Chair Finnegan** asked about whether there was research done as to the effects of the suggested changes. **K. Glynn** stated no.

c. **Chair Finnegan** asked about 4-10-10-4 regarding incinerators.

d. **Chair Finnegan** asked about the bicycle parking and requested clarification. **K. Glynn** indicated he was specifically addressing bike racks. **H. Bartling** indicated bicycle parking was completely absent from the Zoning Code, model codes can be found in San Francisco and Vancouver.

e. **Chair Finnegan** asked for an update of the multi-modal plan at the next Environment Board Meeting

f. **L. Cheng** indicated he had recently completed a post LEED Certification Study and would circulate for the group.

VII. Strategic Plan Discussion

a. Stormwater Management

i. **Lara Biggs** was welcomed by the board and asked to speak about outreach and education. **Chair Besson** indicated a want for the board to be helpful going forward. **Chair Finnegan** asked who the Utilities Director is. **Lara Biggs** responded the Water and Sewer Division had split from Public Works and become Utilities lead by David Stoneback. **Chair Finnegan** asked if the EB had been identified as a resource. **Lara Biggs** indicated, yes the board had been identified in the 2nd goal under Public Involvement and Participation, the CAP is referenced as well. **Lara Biggs** was unsure as to the board’s references in the public education aspect. The permit was written in 2008 and may not have included EB. **Chair Besson** asked if there was education about Stormwater Management. **Lara Biggs**, Yes, at the Ecology Center (Composting and Rain Barrels). She stated there were programs in place that were built on. Public Education is one of the single biggest components to change people’s attitudes towards stormwater management. **Chair Finnegan** asked about “permeable pipes”. **Lara Biggs** indicated the reference was to “French Drains” for drainage. **K. Glynn** asked about impervious surfaces. He questioned what an impervious surface is. **K. Glynn** stated impervious and permeable was confusing and inconsistent and requested a comment. **Lara Biggs** indicated the portion of the
code was in Community Development and changes should come from EB with the involvement of CD. Chair Finnegan asked if Title 4 Stormwater Control is owned by the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department. The Zoning portion of the ordinance would be addressed by the Community and Economic Development Department. K. Glynn hypothesized the origin of the ban on gravel driveways may have come from oil leaking. Chair Finnegan asked if there were education events scheduled for the long term. Lara Biggs indicated its tap-water campaign, and there is 100th anniversary of the North Shore Channel. S. Kaplan asked about permeable pavers and green roofs are more likely to be found privately. Lara Biggs indicated permeable pavers are more likely to be found in private homes. Lara Biggs indicated permeable surfaces may be as much as 50% greater in cost. Chair Besson stated the cost was higher due to labor. S. Kaplan indicated Stormwater Education was a good fit with IPM and Natural Lawn Care Education. S. Kaplan asked about native plants instead of grass which requires water and fertilizer. Chair Besson asked about Construction Runoff policy, Lara Biggs indicated it would be released in July. It would go before other departments and potentially before the EB. Lara Biggs indicated the policy will be similar to the Cook County Watershed Ordinance, IEPA requested swifter action from COE. UD would be open to comments while being aware of any conflict with CCWO. The Board thanked LB.

b. Night Light Ordinance
   i. Chair Finnegan introduced the Night Light Ordinance, the Village of Home Glen Ordinance was passed in 2007.
   ii. Chair Finnegan questioned the effectiveness of such an ordinance as it was directed at viewing the nighttime sky. H. Bartling asked about addressing it from an energy efficiency standpoint
   iii. Chair Finnegan stated it was an enforcement heavy ordinance. Chair Finnegan suggested asking the Dark Skies group talk to the Board.
   iv. Chair Besson asked if some steps weren’t already in place due to energy efficiency lighting.
   v. H. Bartling indicated the Homer Glen Ordinance would be directed at property owners.

VIII. Roundtable
   a. C. Caneva indicated there was an effort to develop a Geothermal Well Ordinance

K. Glynn motioned to adjourn the meeting, S. Waller seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:49pm
NEXT MEETING – July 8, 2010

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