Thursday September 2, 2010

I. Approval of Minutes from July motion approval by K. Glynn seconded by S. Besson. Minutes approved by a vote of 5 ayes 0 Nayes and 2 abstaining

II. Citizen Comment
   a. General Citizen Comment (Please sign in)
   b. Cindy Levitt regarding the Veolia Transfer Station.
      i. Ms. Levitt addressed the board regarding the transfer station located at 1711 Church. She stated the first morning she moved into the building her home “shook”. She also stated there is a noise concern daily at 6am in violation of the current code. Ms. Levitt stated the odor is nauseating on some days. Ms. Levitt followed a Veolia truck on Church (August 13, 2010 10:00 a.m.) I dripped waste on Church Street. She stated she called IEPA without success. Ms. Levitt is looking for guidance, and suggestions on moving forward.
      ii. Mr. Conway addressed the situation at the transfer station as well. He indicated there is noise and odors are definite issues near the transfer station, he has also contacted IEPA without success. He stated everyone in the vicinity is affected. He also appealed for assistance with the Environment Board. He indicated there are no ordinances directed at the operation of a transfer station or the licensure of such a business.
      iii. Muffy McAuley addressed the transfer station as well. She stated Veolia promised they would erect a new structure to adhere to best practices. This has not happened. The walls that have been constructed have not removed the odors, flies, or noise. Ms. McAuley stated the transfer station is a health hazard and is filthy. She appealed to the committee to document the environmental impact and take the case to the IEPA Director for action. She also stated she has toured the area with the City Manager a few weeks
ago. Ald. Holmes and Ald. Baptiste are aware of the issue. The City Manager stated the City is in the process of negotiating a waste management contract. She requested documentation from the Environment Board to request a revocation of license to the State of Illinois.

iv. **Chris Torres** also addressed the issue. Mr. Torres stated he also has experience the noise and odors. He is concerned about his children’s health. He is also concerned about the misting agents being used to mask the odor. Church street plaza has 17 units and at least half have regular visitors that are children. He stated this is a neighborhood issue and he has spoken to residents as far as five blocks away that have experienced the odors. Mr. Torres cited an EPA document of recommendations for best practices (pages 36 and 37 attached). He believed they were violating the noise ordinance. Mr. Torres also appealed to the Environment Board for help. He asked for a City hotline to address the situation, he also asked to help keep Veolia accountable (waste, air pollution, air testing).

v. **John Linewebber** also spoke on the issue and offered a tour

vi. **E. Port** indicated the concerns could be easily directed by the City of Evanston. He further stated the City’s noise ordinance is broad and should be used. **E. Port** indicated Public Health issues should be addressed by [Carl Caneva](#) via the Health Department.

vii. **C. Caneva** stated the City of Evanston will perform inspections about the odor and noise and issue notices of violations and issue tickets

viii. **A. Viner** indicated that establishing documentation is a step in the right direction. She further stated the Pollution Control Board also addresses noise and odor. There is a complaint online that can be issued before an Administrative Hearing Officer. They can get assistance with Air Quality tests, Noise monitoring, and Odor Monitoring. There is also an Administrative Adjudication step that will require testimony. She stated the permit violations could be addressed by IEPA. **Ms. Viner** indicated the Zoning Variation should also be reviewed to check if the Variance is being followed.

ix. **K. Glynn** indicated there is nothing in the municipal code addressing waste handling.

x. **C. Caneva** will research the Zoning Variation and provide the Board documentation at the next meeting.

xi. **C. Caneva** described the administrative adjudication process

xii. **C. Caneva** indicated he will follow-up with the Health Concerns

xiii. **A. Viner** stated the Aldermen of the wards affected should be sent to IEPA, and copy J. Shakowsky as well as Tammi Mitchell at IEPA.

### III. News

a. **C. Finnegan** announced, [Carolyn Collopy](#) resigned her position as Sustainable Programs Coordinator, effective August 27th. Her position has been posted and is open.

b. **C. Finnegan** announced Backyard Hens is scheduled for action at council September 13, 2010
c. **C. Finnegan** stated the City of Evanston is working on getting the responders to Wind RFIs to present responses in a public meeting. **C. Finnegan** questioned how this would be reviewed, and if the board should be the reviewers. **C. Finnegan** asked if the board should be reviewers. **K. Glynn** indicated the board could develop a scoring matrix and oversee the process. He stated the RFIs could be passed on to a more technical board for review. **K. Glynn** indicated the RFQ would be considerably more technical. **K. Glynn** asked if there were other boards doing similar work, reviewing the document. **C. Finnegan** indicated the boards do review the work. **K. Glynn** indicated the Energy and Electric Board would become involved in the RFQ. **K. Glynn** motioned the board request involvement in the issue from the City Manager, **Anne Viner** seconded, *motion passed unanimously*

d. **Chair Finnegan** announced Active Transportation Alliance Car Free Day – Wednesday, September 22nd.

e. **Chair Finnegan** announced the Safer Pest Control Project Fundraiser Honoring Evanston Environment Board and the Sustainable Pest Control Resolution, Friday, October 8th at SPACE.

f. **Chair Finnegan** announced the Green Living Festival, October 2nd at the Ecology Center.

g. **Chair Finnegan** announced Bike the Ridge, October 3rd.

h. **Chair Finnegan** announced a Carrotmob, October 9th at Lemoi sponsored by the Citizens for a Greener Evanston. It was described as a carrotmob to support businesses making change (carrotmob.sanfrancisco)

IV. Multi-Modal Plan Roundtable

a. **S. Besson** asked for discussion from the Board, with focus on transportation and collaboration.
   i. Adopting a bicycle parking ordinance
   ii. Establishing a bike rack request system

b. **H. Barting** stated his interest in the bike issue particularly the parking as it falls under the zoning/land use. He indicated policies were already in use in Vancouver and San Francisco. He was interested in the type of racks. He indicated the goals should be visibility and usability.

c. **A. Viner** inquired as to where the bike racks come from are they required. Does the City of Evanston own racks on the sidewalk.

d. **K. Glynn** stated the City Code indicated SPARC can compel developments to include bike parking. **C. Finnegan** indicated the City of Evanston does give directions to developer as to the type of rack.

e. **S. Waller** this is just for new construction, or for any buildings.

f. **E. Port** asked if the City of Evanston buys bicycle racks. He also wondered if there might be a sidewalk blockage issue. **C. Caneva** will research if the City of Evanston buys bicycle racks.

g. **S. Waller** stated she will meet with the Sustainability working group at NU.

h. **K. Glynn** indicated there is a need for more bike paths.

i. **K. Glynn** asked about addressing permeable alleys paving

j. **H. Bartling** informed the board a class of his at DePaul University has looked into bicycle sharing.
V. Strategic Plan Discussion
   a. C. Caneva offered a City Code update indicated City Attorney Grant Farrar will be addressing the issue and he will update when Mr. Farrar returns from vacation.

   b. Outreach – Chair Finnegan discussed outreach not being a primary goal of the board as many groups are taking the lead on this. S. Besson indicated the primary audiences of the board are the Mayor, Council, and Human Services Committee. The consensus was to plan once or twice-annual updates on EEB activities to the City Council.

VI. Roundtable
   a. Chair Finnegan stated Gemariah Borough has resigned her position leaving the board at 11 members.
   b. S. Besson passed around a contact sheet and requested it be amended with any changes
   c. C. Finnegan announced the City of Chicago is hosting the Greenbuild Expo.
   d. A. Viner will attend a seminar on Green Building ordinances.

Motion to adjourn by A. Viner seconded by S. Waller meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – October 14, 2010