Meeting Notes
February 10, 2011

Board Members Present:

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Community Members Present:  
Michael Drennan, CGE, Disposable Bag Reduction
Hal Sprague, CNT, Green Infrastructure Report
Ron Fleckman, CGE

Staff Present:
Carl Caneva, Health Department
Catherine Hurley, Sustainable Programs Coordinator
Johanna Nyden, Economic Development
Paul Schneider

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm (KG/SW)

Approval of Minutes from January – Unanimous Approval

Citizen Comment – None.

I. CNT Green Infrastructure Report

b. Mr. Sprague indicated a next step would be to speak with FEMA regarding flooding and cost and prevention via green infrastructure.

c. The Committee thanked Mr. Sprague for his presentation
d. KG stated the City of Evanston Code was confusing as to pervious vs. impervious surfaces, and suggested the code be consistent. Mr. Sprague stated incremental improvement is a goal. Mr. Sprague indicated there are communities focused on green infrastructure that tax properties and provide incentives to implement green infrastructure.

e. LC asked if the EPA’s focus on runoff is with regards to recharge and infiltration or on pollution. HS stated EPA is bound by statutes. He indicated there would be urban wastewater legislation.

II. Multi-Modal Plan Roundtable (Paul Schneider, Public Works)

a. Mr. Schneider presented a Summary of the MMTP (attached). He stated there are two 50/50 alleys and 1 alley that are in primarily clay soil which limited the ability to utilize a permeable surface. This is true for areas west of Ridge; east of Ridge is mostly sand. There is concern among staff regarding cost due to excavation for alley projects. Hal Sprague indicated there may be state money to help with costs of the program.

b. He indicated one site available for GI is the Kendall College site; the landscape is being studied to evaluate the potential of permeable alleys.

c. Mr. Schneider indicated a portion of money from the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Fund has been dedicated to bike racks. Via a survey, the City of Evanston has installed more than 100 bike racks. The bicycle racks will be installed in April by Public Works.

d. Mr. Schneider presented information about cold start emissions from cars (attached). He indicated there is no bike rack request program. When residents call about a rack it is put on the list and evaluated per ADA and Right of Way concerns. He indicated the cost of the U rack is $600-$700.00 per rack. At this time a business that wants a rack would need to buy a rack and install.

e. Mr. Schneider indicated a discussion had begun about a bicycle parking ordinance. Mr. Glynn indicated a concern regarding the legal department’s review of the code and the Environment Board’s ability to move forward on important work.

f. Mr. Schneider will begin discussion regarding the Bicycle Parking Ordinance with Zoning to prepare for an ordinance later this year.

g. There is a focus on Dodge south of Simpson this year.

h. The City of Evanston has received an IDOT grant to resurface portions of Emerson and Isabella.

i. HB asked PS to speak about the design elements used for bike lanes. PS indicated Portland is the municipal leader. PS stated the type of the design was mandated by Federal Guidelines due to grant requirements. There is concern with current design elements due to cost associated with striping.

j. The Board thanked Mr. Schneider for his presentation.

III. FOR ACTION: Disposable Bag Reduction Ordinance, Letter to Council (attachment)
a. PF introduced a letter to council, supporting a disposable bag reduction (attached). LC stated concerns about a small municipality in a larger metropolitan scale. He requested a statement be made about economic impact of the ordinance.
b. Motion to send the letter by KG seconded by HB, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. News/Roundtable
a. General Updates
   i. Wind RFI Update K. Glynn
      1. C. Hurley indicated the Ad hoc committee will be presented on Feb. 28, 2011 and will be roughly 20 members; this is not a final number.
      2. KG indicated there is a concern about the size of the committee, there is concern about the education, and the ability to lead the group.
      3. C. Hurley indicated the size of the committee was determined by Mayor Tisdahl.
   ii. CTA Expansion H. Bartling indicated an overwhelming opposition to close the station at Foster. PF indicated she has seen residents canvassing. HB stated the next scoping meeting
   iii. Veolia Transfer Station (C.Caneva) C. Caneva indicated the City of Evanston presented a potential host agreement.
   iv. Milk Carton Recycling postponed to the March meeting.

b. Strategic Updates
   i. GBO Memo C. Hurley, presented information about the Green Building Memo (attached), directed to Council and accompanying a proposed amendment to the Green Building Ordinance. She was requested to look into the economic impact of the GBO. Johanna Nyden of Community and Economic Development spoke indicating there has been no new development triggering the GBO until a few months ago. Ms. Nyden indicated that in working with businesses interested in developing in Evanston there have been concerns about the economic impact of GBO compliance. CF asked why there is a new amendment rather than the City Manager’s allowance to waive the penalty. KG indicated the intent of the ordinance would be to force the businesses to comply, and the new amendment would cause the GBO to be ineffective. Ms. Hurley referred to a White Paper from Columbia University, allowing for flexibility for discussion.
      Chair Finnegan indicated concern about the process as removing the Environment Board from it.
   ii. PF indicated Susan Kaplan had resigned the board recognized her accomplishments, and has offered input when needed.

iv. North Shore Environmental Commissioners- Update from February 5th Meeting to be presented at March meeting (S. Besson)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21pm

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday, March 3, 2011**

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