I. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM
   a. There being a quorum, Chair Finnegan called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

II. CITIZEN COMMENT
   a. Carl Bova – Mr. Bova asked why the packet did not include any details on the discussion titled “Stormwater Management”. S. Besson stated that this item was intended to be a discussion topic and no documents were developed yet on the topic.

   Related to the disposable bags, it was asked why there had not been outreach to businesses. Also, it was noted that plastic bags are only one part of the plastic film that can be recycled through grocery store programs and a concern that these opportunities would not exist if plastic bags were banned.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   a. Disposable Bags
       P. Finnegan stated that the Board was interested in hearing an update from J. Franklin and L. Zoloth and that the Board would need to come to a consensus on a recommendation for City Council.

       J. Franklin provided a brief update to the Board on the discussions and progress since the last meeting. J. Franklin and L. Zoloth met with Dick Peach to learn more about the concerns from the local retailers. J. Franklin reported that Dick explained the concerns of the businesses to be primarily related to the fear of lost business due to any penalizing action,
such as a ban tax or ban. There is also concern over the businesses having to spend time and money to administer a tax.

Preliminary recommendations from J. Franklin and L. Zoloth are that the City should support SB102 (the mandatory manufacturers plastic film and bag recycling bill). J. Franklin referred the board to the example of Santa Monica as a good example of a community where an ordinance was successfully implemented. In addition, J. Franklin discussed the importance of an education campaign that would help create awareness around the topic and help change behavior and could be rolled out by the City. J. Franklin and L. Zoloth did not present specific details on a roll out period or sunset clause but recommended that further thought be given to these details. Finally, should the City Council want a more dramatic impact, a ban on plastic could be considered.

A question was raised about what environmental concern the bag ban/tax would address and what benefits the community would see as a result of the action. Also, who would do the necessary outreach to finalize the details on an ordinance – the Environment Board? City Staff?

P. Finnegan clarified that it is not the responsibility of the Board to do outreach and that the Environment Board can make a recommendation to City Council that further outreach should be done, perhaps with the assistance of a community based organization like Keep Evanston Beautiful or Citizens’ Greener Evanston.

J. Franklin stated that she would follow-up with L. Zoloth to develop a memo with draft recommendations.

b. Bikes and the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan

P. Finnegan stated that Wednesday, September 7th the Rules Committee discussed the potential to have a member of the Environment Board on the Transportation and Parking Committee. A final decision will be made at next month’s meeting. There was support from the Board to make sure that the Environment Board member would have full voting rights or at least equal to the rights from the Plan Commission member who is on the Transportation and Parking Committee.

H. Bartling provided a recap on the efforts to get a pilot bike corral outside of the EAC. Initial presentation of the corral idea outside of the EAC was met with concern over lost revenue associated with taking up a parking space for bicycle parking. A subsequent meeting was held with City staff and staff of EAC. EAC was in favor of a solution that would provide ample bicycle parking for their customers. They were in support of a corral or another solution.

E. King discussed the need for more education and outreach to businesses as well as residents to rally support for more bike parking and facilities.
c. **Stormwater Management**  
S. Besson provided an update on the current progress related to the Environment Board supporting sustainable stormwater management efforts in the city. A meeting was held on July 17th with City staff and members of the Environment Board and Utilities Commission. Several good ideas were generated including promoting permeable alleys as part of the 50/50 alley program, inclusion of stormwater management approaches on the Sheridan Road project and other education and outreach efforts. The goal with the Sheridan Road project would be to use it as an opportunity to learn more about the City’s planning and design project and how certain sustainable stormwater aspects could be incorporated on a city-wide basis.

d. **Strategic Plan Review**  
P. Finnegan stated that the last strategic plan was done in 2009 and that it was time for the Board to update the document. However this discussion will be tabled for the next meeting.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
a. **City Code Update**  
i. No update at the time of meeting  
b. **Off-Shore Wind**  
i. K. Glynn reported that the Evanston City Council voted 5 to 2 to accept the Mayor’s Wind Farm Committee’s Report and Recommendations. Currently the main focus is on the state level Wind Farm Commission that will spend 12 months looking at the issue. Mayor Tisdahl and other Evanstonians are working to get Evanston representation on the Commission.

V. **OPEN DISCUSSION**  
a. A. Viner brought up the issue that anyone can remove any tree on their property for any reason. Evanston does not have an ordinance that requires a permit to take down a tree on private property. Many other communities do require a permit and they place a charge for removal of each tree. A. Viner recommended her neighbors bring this topic to the board

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm**  
**NEXT MEETING – Thursday, October 13, 2011**

Respectfully Submitted,  
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