Meeting was called to order by Chair Finnegan at 7:07P.M.

I. Approval of Minutes from March
   a. K Glynn moved to approve minutes, seconded by Chair Finnegan
   b. E. Port requested the minutes be amended to indicate he was not in favor of ducks, he was only raising the question for discussion
   c. Chair Besson requested a change from Sandy Winds to Scandia winds, and noted the meeting had taken place, but appeared to be in the future in the minutes
   d. Minutes with amendments were approved unanimously.

II. Citizen Comment

III. News
   a. New Member Introduction, Likwan Cheng introduced himself to the board, he is a 19 year resident and an Environmental Science teacher at the City of Chicago Colleges. He has worked in the local chapter of the USGBC, and is familiar with LEED certification.

   b. Rules of Engagement: Chair Finnegan and Chair Besson indicated there needs to be respectful interchanges among members, and referenced the March meeting during which members speaking were interrupted.

   c. Wind Farm Updates: K. Glynn congratulated C. Collopy regarding the Request For Information (RFI) for Wind Farms. The RFI will go before council on Tuesday April 13, 2010. C. Collopy stated the RFI would be an update to the council and is under Special Agenda Items. The Climate Action Plan (CAP) is one of the 12 focus areas that council has identified to work on. The RFI will go before council; they will determine the path of the RFI. K. Glynn stated the RFI was soliciting bids to place wind turbines off the coast of Lake Michigan. All of the materials referred to are in the RFI packet. Chair Finnegan requested as many members as possible attend the meeting to support the RFI.

   d. IPM- The resolution was presented to Human Services and passed without amendment. C Caneva will get a date for the resolution before council. S Kaplan has been an integral part of the resolution; her efforts are greatly appreciated by the members.
IV. West Nile Virus (15 minute presentation by Carl Caneva)
   a. C. Caneva, Division Manager of Environmental Health and Staff to the Environment Board presented information to the board concerning West Nile Virus. During the presentation prevention and surveillance were stressed as solutions. He stated the best way to prevent West Nile Virus is to eliminate stagnant water and wear long sleeves and long pants at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are present. Slides of the presentation are available in the meeting packet.

V. Backyard Hens:
   a. Chair Besson introduced the amendment to the ordinance; Chair Finnegan motioned for discussion of the ordinance. Motion seconded by Chair Besson.
   b. Discussion: K. Glynn stated the ordinance was easier to understand
   c. E. Port asked, Animal Control Officer Linda Teckler if the presence of poultry would encourage coyotes in urban settings increasing the hazard to humans?
   d. Officer Teckler stated the City of Evanston currently receives inquisitive calls about coyotes. She stated she believes that with chickens they would be more apt to come into Evanston. Rats and mice would also be attracted by the feed for the chickens
   e. E. Port asked if Officer Teckler if she had experience with the odor
   f. Officer Teckler stated unlicensed chickens would need to be housed at the animal shelter and stated the housing of any chickens would open volunteers as well as Animal Control staff to the risk of disease.
   g. E. Port reported that he spoke with Former Evanston Mayor Jay Lytle asking why the ordinance prohibiting chickens was passed. Mr. Lytle stated odor was the cause for the ordinance in 1974
   h. Chair Besson motioned to vote, the motion was seconded by K. Glynn motion passed by a simple majority of the members present with 6 members in favor to 2 (E. Kinney and E. Port) Against. Chair Besson announced the motion passed and the next step would be for introduction on May 6, 2010 at the Human Services Committee Meeting.

VI. Green Building Ordinance Amendment
   a. Chair Finnegan has developed an amendment to the Green Building Ordinance. Exhibit A Section 2 and 2a would like to amend the current ordinance to include:

   Exhibit A, Section 2: “shall employ the version of the LEED for New Construction and Major Renovations (LEED-NC) or LEED for Homes (“LEED-H”) in effect one hundred eighty...”

   Exhibit A, Section 3 (A): “shall employ the version of the LEED for Commercial Interiors (LEED-CI) or LEED for Homes (“LEED-H”) in effect one hundred eighty...”

   b. E. Kinney motioned to approve the amendment, seconded by G. Borough motion passed unanimously
   c. K. Glynn stated he was approached with concerns about locally produced wood. Chair Finnegan stated there is a regional credit for wood produced within 500 miles, she will contact the individual personally, to indicate the comments were appreciated by the board and to give the individual information.

VII. Outreach
   a. Evanston Eco-Exchange Next Steps: K. Glynn and D. Cox worked on the Information technology portion of the exchange. The City of Evanston is currently addressing their websites to meet the need for more blogs and social media. D. Cox will readdress the Exchange.

   b. Green Building 101 to Building Department: The 101 has been refined by members. E Kinney, stated she would like to speak to a person rather than a website. E. Kinney asked if the new amendment would have an effect on the 101 FAQ. Chair Finnegan stated yes and she would amend the 101 document to include the changes.
VIII. Strategic Plan –

a. Summary of Progress to Date: Chair Besson reported on the 12 month work plan.

i. First effort was to visit the City Code to see if there were any conflicts with the CAP. K. Glynn stated he and G. Borough would bring the code review for the next agenda. It will be on the agenda for the May 2010 meeting. Chair Besson stated she would communicate with S. Kaplan regarding an update on her code efforts for the May meeting.

ii. Outreach: Chair Besson stated several outreach events had been held including the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) event at the Ecology Center, the board was hoping for events every 3-4 months. Chair Besson asked for member input on future outreach opportunities.

b. Environment Board’s Role vis-à-vis the Evanston Climate Action Plan (ECAP)

i. Chair Besson asked for items that were related to Environment Board activities, and any information that could be moved forward by the board. Chair Finnegan is interested in an ordinance to reduce light pollution, she indicated there was an ordinance in Homer Glen. Storm Water Management, Light Pollution and Deconstruction were topics of interest. G. Borough stated she is continuing work on the definition of deconstruction. Chair Finnegan stated the goal was to amend and codify the code to align with the goals of the CAP. L. Cheng stated most of the regulations for water and wastewater lie with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). C. Collopy stated the City of Evanston has a commercial stormwater ordinance. Staff has expressed a need for a residential stormwater ordinance. She stated complaints are received by Property Standards about basement flooding and poor residential stormwater management. C. Collopy stated the commercial ordinance addressed materials and holding times. She further stated that the City of Evanston must be compatible with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) requirements. C. Collopy indicated that stormwater runoff from construction sites is another area of need. Chair Finnegan requested a speaker from the City of Evanston to address these issues, staff from the Water Department or someone from the Engineering Department, were discussed as the most appropriate. Chair Finnegan asked L. Cheng to provide documents about stormwater management. K. Glynn indicated zoning ordinance to addresses the amount of paved surface a residential property can have. The board requested engineer Ingrid Eckersberg to speak to the board. G. Borough stated city staff should know that the board is working on so there isn’t duplication of action. C. Caneva indicated once the document of code changes was submitted at the next board meeting, a communication can be drafted to the Department Directors to communicate Environment Board Activities. E. Port requested information on the City’s stance on permeable driveways. C. Caneva will research. Chair Finnegan requested information as to the City of Evanston using dark lights. C. Collopy stated the Homer Glen policy is directed at commercial. The City of Evanston’s lake shore plan is part of the plan. Collopy noted LED tests were performed in the City of Evanston for performance.

c. Next Steps and Division of Responsibility

i. Chair Finnegan stated the following areas would be addressed by the board, and the following members indicated they would follow-up:

1. Stormwater Management- L. Cheng
2. Deconstruction- G. Borough & Chair Finnegan
3. Outdoor Lighting- Chair Finnegan

IX. Roundtable

C. Caneva indicated the changes in packets on the website. Members requested the individual documents and the full packet in one document be made available.

E. Port made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chair Besson, at 8:35 p.m. motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING – May 13, 2010