Meeting was called to order by Chair Finnegan at 7:05 P.M.

I. Approval of Minutes from August and September motioned for approval by Chair Finnegan Second by S. Waller. Minutes approved by all.

II. News
   a. Introduction of new member- New member not present moved to November meeting.
   b. IPM Workshop Report and Pesticide Ordinance Review
      • **S. Kaplan** reviewed the Natural Lawn Care Event with all of the members. The event taught attendees the perils of chemicals used in lawn care. The more chemicals added the more needed. She reported that fifteen individuals attended the event.
      • **S. Kaplan** reviewed the draft Pesticide Reduction Ordinance with the Board. She stated there was still some uncertainty as to how Natural Lawn Care fit into the ordinance.
      • **S. Kaplan** addressed the definitions of pests and pesticides. Many other ordinances had similar or identical definitions of the terms. Ordinance would ban pesticides and serves to provide general guidance.
      • The board agreed to edit the document, removing references to Natural Lawn Care.
      • The board agreed to edit the document, removing section 4c, as there is no such EPA list at this time.
      • Board will review USEPA definition of pest and pesticide for further consideration.
      • **Chair Besson** asked the board to reconsider the removal of 4c to limit future amendments
      • **E. Port**, questioned the department or staff responsible for addressing the educational component. **C. Caneva** indicated the city or a partner, potentially Safer Pest Control, could provide the education. **E. Port** requested the board find a solution that would not present a cost to the City.
      • **D. Cox** questioned if contractors were certified in IPM practices could they be excluded from the mandated training, or provides proof of outside education?
• D. Cox suggested looking for a standard means of providing IPM education.
• S. Kaplan stated there are hundreds of similar ordinances nationwide.
• Board agreed to revisit the issue November 12, 2009

c. Other News/ Updates
• No news presented

III. Green Building Ordinance
a. Outcome of 9/29/09 City Council Meeting
• Chair Finnegan reviewed the September 29, 2009 City Council meeting addressing the Green Building Ordinance. The Green Building Ordinance has been tabled and action will take place on October 12, 2009. Changes suggested were: 1) Any project significantly underway at the time of passing the ordinance will be exempted 2) Regarding Adaptive Reuse, all adaptive reuse over 25,000 square feet will be affected by the ordinance, City Staff has drafted a memo addressing the requested change be to 20,000 if the section is amended at all. E. Port suggested adaptive reuse be directed at properties that were rezoned. D. Cox agreed. 3) Clarification of the definition of Interior Renovation, motion of the floor to eliminate single tenant facilities, board is opposed to this 4) Amendment that exempted buildings that did not perform work on 50% of the building, the Board is against this 5) Allow LEED certification to fall to City Staff. Staff drafted a memo in opposition to this proposed amendment, Board has agreed with staff's assessment. Chair Finnegan, stated she was pleased with the City's response. The Board is concerned with the process, and will be addressing the issue.
• Chair Finnegan stated she would be contacting aldermen regarding the ordinance hoping to gain support.
• E. Port questioned if the security bond was in the current ordinance. Chair Finnegan indicated the bond had been dropped and a penalty was inserted.
• Chair Finnegan stated the ordinance was designed with checkpoints in place to limit the fines and the chance a developer would walk away.

b. Next Steps/ Timeline
• Chair Finnegan stated the next meeting would be on October 12, 2009 at 8:30 P.M.

IV. EEB Strategic Plan
a. Code Review Update
• G. Borough and K. Glynn updated the Board regarding review of the City Code. K. Glynn stated he was not finding many changes necessary for the Environment Board. He was concerned about obstacles presented by the code to the Climate Action Plan. One of the concerns was getting taxed for electrical production. Residents would be taxed as both producers and consumers.
• S. Kaplan requested assistance regarding reading food and health
• K. Glynn stated a more specific update would be ready for November.

b. By-laws
• Chair Finnegan thanked E. Kinney for her work in adapting the by-laws.
• C. Caneva commented Article II Section I, to include language that the Board would address activities defined in Section I, but would not be limited to those specifically mentioned.
• C. Caneva questioned if the quorum should include active or appointed individuals
• The Board addressed the issue of a Quorum, Chair Finnegan stated four members discussing board concerns is a public meeting.
• E. Port suggested language to indicate mandatory positions to be present. One of the co-chairs and more than 50% of the membership.
• E. Port asked if the board did not have 13 members would the actions be valid or would the actions be invalid?
• C. Caneva will address the question with the Law Department.
• E. Port will draft a memo regarding quorum to the group by Monday October 12, 2009

c. Outreach
• D. Cox will discuss the next steps with Anne Viner, Susan Besson, and Suzanne Waller, for the November Meeting

V. Environmental Stewardship Awards- broad discussion about purpose/ necessity of EEB awards
• Chair Finnegan indicated that a number of other Environmental Groups operating in Evanston offer awards.
• Chair Finnegan moved the Evanston Environment Board discontinue issuing award. G. Borough stated the Boards awards were separate as they were recognized by the City of Evanston.
• S. Besson asked if other committees or boards gave awards, C. Caneva stated he was not aware of other boards issuing awards.
• Chair Finnegan motioned a decision on the awards be held until further recommendation, D. Cox seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Roundtable
• C. Caneva updated the Board that he is working with the Business Performance and Technology (BPAT) Division to make the meetings more accessible to residents unable to physically attend. He stated there may be a test run of the system at the November Meeting. Several members were concerned about the effect of a system on the minutes. C. Caneva reminded members that a conference phone could be set up if members are unable to attend the meeting in person.
• Chair Finnegan encouraged the board to attend the October 12, 2009 meeting to support the Green Building Ordinance

P. Finnegan motioned to adjourn seconded by D. Cox, meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.
NEXT MEETING- Nov. 12, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. Room 2200 Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center

Respectfully Submitted,

carl caneva
Staff to the Environment Board