MEETING NOTES
Evanston Environment Board
Thursday, May 9, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge, Room #2200

Members Present: Susan Besson, Hugh Bartling, Tom Clark, Samuel Headd, Todd Schwier, Ellen King, Likwan Cheng

Members Absent: Laurie Zoloth, Stephanie Brown, Kevin Glynn

Staff: Catherine Hurley, Sustainable Programs Coordinator, Laura Ruther, Clerk II

Presiding Member/s: Susan Besson

CALL TO ORDER – SB called meeting to order.

I. APPROVAL of MINUTES from April. Minutes approved. S. Besson made a MOTION to approve. All in favor.

II. CITIZEN COMMENT

III. STAFF UPDATES
Attached. No further notes.

IV. COMPLETE STEETS ORDINANCE
   A. Ordinance Development – Draft Goals
   B. Process and Timeline

In addition to the draft GOALS (ATTACHMENT) developed during this meeting, the Board also NOTED:

As part of the process and development of the Complete Streets Ordinance:
   ● It is important to, in addition to making goals, carefully consider their impact.
   ● Process of developing this ordinance is framed by Dept. of Public Works processes.
   ● It is helpful to have a baseline level understanding of this process.
   ● Board should look into inviting other city staff - e.g. Parks? Engineering? Utilities? Health Dept.?
   ● It is important to identify key stake holders:
     Non-City Agency: Commuters, Biz owners, Pedestrians, Transit Riders, Motorists, Cyclists
     City Agency: Schools, Public Buildings/Employees

A Complete Streets Ordinance becomes a template of issues/areas/modes that must be addressed for future projects.

Board discussed how to measure the success of a Complete and Green Streets Ordinance. e.g. How many miles of bike lanes? Noted the importance of collecting data, and enhancing the collection of data.

V. MEETING CONCLUSION
The meeting was concluded at 9:00pm.

NEXT MEETING – June 13, 2013
Process Goals:

- Communication
- Working with key players (city staff and community members)
- Understand impacts
- Baseline Level Understanding (fact sheet) on topics
- Have a Complete and Green Streets ordinance passed within 12 months

Outline:

1. Goals
2. Benefits
3. Relevant Plans and Guiding Documents
4. Implementation

Ordinance Goals:

Provide a network of safe travel systems for users of all ages, connecting transit systems, regional trail systems, commerce and retail areas, and employment centers for bicycle, pedestrian and vehicle travel.

Improved return on infrastructure investments.

Meet the demand of access to multi-modal travel options.

Update city plans to incorporate and address complete and green streets policy, including the following: (create list)

Continue to establish Evanston as a leader in sustainable communities.

Develop and maintain Evanston’s unique quality of place as a destination for residents, businesses and visitors.
To serve Evanston’s diverse community that includes users of all ages, abilities, and means.

To promote a more active and healthy population by enhancing mobility options and promoting walking and biking among Evanston citizens.

To make our community more livable, more inviting and more sustainable by focusing on multi-modal options for transit in the 21st century.

Create a useful framework to be used across City departments in planning and implementing multi-modal plans, policies, documents, and reviews.

Enhance connectivity of Evanston streets to area transit networks.

Assist in the management of storm water runoff.

Enhance the beauty of Evanston streets.

Complete street is one that creates a network which addresses the needs of all users (list) and has benefits....

Users: Non-city (schools, businesses, commuters, visitors, community members, transit riders, cyclists, pedestrians, motorists)

Implementation

By X days, City Manager to appoint a committee to evaluate and address how city currently addresses complete streets and report back