

Evanston Environment Board
7:00 p.m. Room 2200
Lorraine H. Morton Center
2100 Ridge Ave.

Quorum Present

Thursday August 27, 2009

Board Chairs: Susan Besson, Paige Finnegan

Board Members Present: William Gallagher, Eli A. Port, Elizabeth Kinney, Kevin Glynn, Dan Cox, Paige Finnegan, Gemariah Borough, Susan Besson,

Board Members Absent: Edward J. McCall, Susan Kaplan, Anne Viner, Suzanne Waller

Community Members Present:

Staff Present: Carl Caneva Health and Human Services

AGENDA

Paige Finnegan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

- I Goals & Rules for Strategic Planning Process
 - Chair Finnegan gave a presentation focused on Strategic Planning for the Environment Board.
 - Goals to create 3 year plan with 3-5 key initiatives
- II Environment Board Powers & Duties – Review
 - Chair read through the powers of the boards (presentation is attached)
- III Climate Action Plan – Presentation/Discussion
 - Chair Finnegan presented information found in the Evanston Climate Action Plan (see attached)
 - Anne Viner suggested the Board investigate more permeable alleys

- IV EEB Mission
- Support the implementation of Evanston's Climate Action Plan through research, public awareness, and policy recommendations, and through coordination with other groups' efforts
 - Board discussed increasing their public education efforts via presentations to schools, city council etc.
 - Members also discussed making a greater effort to involve businesses
 - E. Port stated the board has been brought four ordinances of issue, the GBO, Noise Ordinance, Plastic Bag Ordinance, and Integrated Pest Management. Can the board make recommendations to staff and direct policy?
 - Board had great consensus on engaging the ward meetings, city manager etc.
- V Issue Areas/Subcommittee Assignments
- Groups to involve
 - Net Impact @ Kellogg
 - BASE
 - EEA
 - EEB
 - NEF
 - LGE
 - Schools
 - Issues for the next 90 days to 6 months
 - Green Building Ord (30 days)
 - IPM (6 months)
 - Noise?
 - Review the City Code
 - Collaboration/ Outreach/ Engagement
 - Housekeeping (Strategic Plan, By-laws, Awards)
What is the process for the awards
 - City Code decided as an issue to be addressed (assigned to Kevin Glynn and Gemariah Burroughs) with a goal to flag abnormalities and contradictions or conflicts with green initiatives
 - IPM- Susan Kaplan
 - Collaboration/ Outreach/ Engagement (Dan Cox, Anne Viner)
 - Housekeeping- Bylaws (Elizabeth Kinney, Gemariah Burroughs)

- Costs associated with ECAP especially addressing those issues assigned in the plan

Three-Year Guiding Principle:

To *support the implementation* of Evanston's Climate Action Plan through *research, public awareness* (including homeowners, businesses, hospitals, education facilities, city staff, etc) and *policy recommendations*, and through *coordination* with other groups' efforts.

** Do we need to further define 'public'?

** This principle was grown out of the City ordinance creating the Environment Board.

ECAP Issue Areas:

1. Costs associate with implementing the ECAP (Cost-Benefit Analysis)
2. The Environment Board is specifically called out to act on 15 particular strategies
 - a. Which are those?
 - b. Have we completed them?
 - c. What needs to be done?

Ideas from the PARKING LOT:

1. Meeting with the City Manager
2. Green Alleys
3. Nuclear Power Purchase Agreement to completely offset Evanston's GHG Emissions
4. Public Presentations on the ECAP to new Council Members, Schools, Ward Meetings
5. Brochure with Green Building Strategies
6. Awareness building through Cable TV
7. Community Calendars

Current Ordinances under Consideration:

1. Green Building Ordinance – tentatively scheduled to go before Council on September 29th.
2. Integrated Pest Management – drafts in process, spearheaded by Susan Kaplan.
3. Noise – what action is needed, spearheaded by Eli Port
4. Plastic Bags – being processed by Keep Evanston Beautiful in collaboration with the Citizens for a Greener Evanston Task Force on Waste and Recycling. They intend to take it directly to the HHSC but will bring it to the EEB before

Communications / Outreach / Engagement:

1. Outreach to other groups

2. Support EEB issue-areas as needed.
3. Ward Outreach through direct contact with Aldermen and attendance at Ward Meetings (ALL Board Members)
4. Draft Green Building Tips Document in collaboration with the appropriate City Department and additional commissions / stakeholder groups.
5. Outreach to Schools

Code:

1. Divide work by major section and assign to members based on individual interest area (<http://www.cityofevanston.org/global/code.shtml>)
2. Read Section for fit to major ECAP strategies (http://www.cityofevanston.org/global/green/documents/ECAP_000.pdf)
3. Compile List of Next Steps
4. 60-day Deadline – Present at November 2009 EEB Meeting
5. Assignments
 - a. Susan Kaplan – Food / Health
 - b. Gemariah – Building / Property
 - c. Kevin – Business Regulation / Public Way

Other Evanston Environmental Groups:

1. Net Impact at the Kellogg School of Business
2. Business Alliance for a Sustainable Evanston (BASE)
3. Evanston Environmental Association (EEA)
4. Evanston Environment Board (EEB)
5. Network for Evanston's Future (NEF)
6. Citizens for a Greener Evanston (CGE)
7. School Green Teams
8. Keep Evanston Beautiful (KEB)

Minutes and Notes respectfully submitted by
Carl Caneva and Paige Finnegan