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MEETING MINUTES

Evanston Environmental Board

Thursday, January 11, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge, Room #2404

Members Present: Cherie Leblanc-Fisher, Jerri Garl, Wendy Pollock, Noreen Edwards, Tom Klitzkie, Christopher Kucharczyk, Linda Young, Sarah Liddell, Michael Kormanik

Members Absent: Scott Osborne

Staff Present: Kumar Jensen, Leslie Perez

Guests: Brooke Harper

Presiding Member: Wendy Pollock

1. Declaration of Quorum

W. Pollock called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December

C. Kucharczyk motioned to accept, M. Kormanik seconded, all approved.

3. Public Comment

B. Harper discussed the brightness of the new lights on Seward Avenue. She believes the lights are too bright. The City is testing new light pole structures as well as light fixtures with LED lights on Seward between Dodge and Wesley.

4. Staff Reports

A. Review of 2017 EEB Actions

K. Jensen recommended no discussion or review as the materials provided are written and require no actions.

B. EEB Role in City Governance and Alignment with City-wide Goals

K. Jensen discussed the Board's role in City governance. He explained that the Board reports to the Human Services Committee. The Board makes recommendations to the Human Services Committee for review. The Committee then directs City staff on appropriate actions.

K. Jensen provided a working document that would detail the actions and recommendations the Board has undertaken for the year. W. Pollock recommended the board members have access to the document for review and editing. K. Jensen will provide board members with access to the document.

C. Staff Program Updates: Benchmarking, Waste Programs, Robert Crown Construction

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5. Unfinished Business

A. Bird-Friendly Evanston Proposal

C. Pollock discussed bird-friendly building structures and architecture. She recommended the City adopt a stronger bird-friendly building ordinance. N. Edwards motioned to accept the resolution and have City staff work to strengthen ordinance. C. Leblanc- Fisher seconded, all approved.

B. Evanston Urban Forestry Program Recommendations

W. Pollock motioned that the Evanston Urban Forestry recommendations be submitted to CARP for review. N. Edwards seconded, all approved.

C. Natural Areas Management Policies and Practices Recommendation

W. Pollock motioned that the Natural Areas policy be submitted to CARP for review. N. Edwards seconded, all approved.

6. Task Force Updates and Discussion

A. Environmental Justice Task Force

J. Garl reports the Task Force met with ETHS students who would survey the community on environmental justice issues.

B. Transportation Task Force

K. Jensen reports the Transportation & Mobility Coordinator position with the City is currently vacant.

C. Natural Resources & Built Environment Task Force

T. Klitzkie discussed land use policies with MWRD.

D. Climate & Energy Task Force

S.Liddell will discuss the City's divestment policy at future meetings.

7. Adjournment

C. Kucharczyk moved to adjourn the meeting, M. Kormanik seconded. W. Pollock adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 8, 2018