



## MEETING MINUTES

### **Evanston Environmental Board**

Thursday, May 10, 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, Sarah Liddell, Linda Young, Tom Klitzkie, Christopher Kucharczyk

Members Absent: Scott Osborne, Michael Kormanik

Staff Present: Kumar Jensen, Leslie Perez, Paul D'Agostino

Guests: No Guests

Presiding Member: Wendy Pollock

#### **1. Declaration of Quorum**

W. Pollock called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and a quorum was established.

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April**

L. Young motioned to accept amended minutes, C. Kucharczyk seconded, all approved

#### **3. Public Comment**

No public comment.

#### **4. Staff Report**

##### **A. Pesticide Report**

P. D'Agostino discussed the Pesticide Report that he presented to City Council. He reports the City is no longer using Roundup to eliminate weeds from athletic fields. Staff has provided alternative products to test in place of Roundup but Mr. D'Agostino isn't confident these products will work as effectively.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **A. Budget Priority Review: Plan for EEB Comment**

K. Jensen explained the process for priority based budgeting as proposed by the City Manager. L. Young commented that the process is neither logical nor comprehensive. W. Pollock questioned the validity of the demand metrics from the budget ranking as no information is provided explaining the rankings or how the rankings were determined. C. Kucharzyk is concerned with the omission of an environmental impact column as a ranking metric. L. Young motioned to write a collective letter to City Council to communicate the importance of elevating

environmental and sustainability goals in evaluation of this budgeting process, J. Garl seconded. All approved. C. Leblanc-Fisher motioned that the communication to City Council also offer some critique of the participatory budget process as it was offered and rolled out this year, J. Garl seconded. All approved.

**B. CARP: Plan for July Public Comment Session to be hosted by EEB and for EEB follow-up Policy Recommendation**

K. Jensen explained the process of hosting a public comment session.

**6. Unfinished Business**

**A. Update on Environmental Impact of City Investment Policy**

K. Jensen suggested the Board submit specific questions regarding the potential investment of City monies into fossil fuel companies to the CFO. S. Liddell will draft the memo.

W. Pollock read the following statement. "In support of Evanston's goal to increase and preserve natural areas within the City, the Evanston Environment Board requests the opportunity to review existing lease(s) and other controlling mechanisms that apply to land use and management of open areas. The objective of this review will be to identify opportunities and to recommend modifications to such mechanisms to strengthen and protect open spaces, such as along the North Shore Channel per MWRD's land use policy. Such opportunities may include but not be limited to establishing use restrictions or other requirements that prohibit projects that will alter or reduce the natural function of the property as an open space, arboretum, wild life habitat or natural area. In addition, the Board recommends requiring proposed projects to evaluate alternative locations with less potential impact on natural areas for any planned infrastructure improvements or new installations such as the new water meter vault or other constructions. Both qualitative and tangible considerations such as effects on livability, quality of life and impacts on the environment and the neighborhood should be given at least equal value compared with cost and other financial aspects when selecting a project site." With revisions, J. Garl motioned to communicate this statement to the City Manager, S. Liddell seconded. All approved.

**7. Adjournment**

C. Kucharczyk moved to adjourn the meeting, J. Garl seconded. W. Pollock adjourned at 8:58 pm.

**Next Meeting – Thursday, June 14, 2018**