



## MEETING MINUTES

### **Evanston Environmental Board**

Thursday, October 11, 2018

7:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: Cherie Leblanc-Fisher, Wendy Pollock, Linda Young, Scott Osborne, Noreen Edwards, Sarah Liddell

Members Absent: Michael Kormanik, Christopher Kucharczyk, Tom Klitzkie, Jeri Garl

Staff Present: Kumar Jensen, Leslie Perez, Darryl King

Guests: Clare Tallon Ruen, Libby Gallagher

Presiding Member: Wendy Pollock

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

W. Pollock called meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and a quorum was established.

#### **2. Public Comment**

D. King presented the City's MS4 permit application and requirements. He explained the storm water management process.

#### **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September**

S. Osborne motioned to accept amended minutes, W. Pollock seconded, all approved.

#### **4. Old Business**

##### **A. Resolution to adopt policies to designate, protect, and maintain Natural Areas in Evanston's public lands**

W. Pollock discussed the Resolution to adopt policies to designate, protect, and maintain natural areas in Evanston's public lands with the goal of reviewing and revising the Resolution for the purpose of condensing the document to one page. She would like the board to recommend to the Mayor that he issue this as a resolution. J. Garl requested via email that her comments be read into the record regarding the Board's potential involvement in the land use controversy and demolition of Harley Clarke.

J. Garl's comment:

"I apologize for having to ask that you do this, but I would like one of you to read the following comment into the record at tonight's meeting if at all possible. I am very concerned the Environment Board not get involved in the land use controversy surrounding the demolition of the Harley Clarke mansion, even inadvertently, by

including the “Lighthouse Dunes” as a potential natural area. The current draft includes the following language:

**Appendix A**  
**Natural Areas in Evanston’s public lands**

Clark Street Beach Bird Sanctuary

Sections of the North Shore Channel corridor in the Ladd Arboretum and Twiggs

Park Sections of the North Shore Channel corridor in Harbert Park

Bioswales and rain gardens in Ingraham Park, Hinman south of Main, and other locations Civic Center Habitat Garden

Potential sites include but aren’t limited to: Isabella Woods

Lighthouse Dunes

As written, this appears to be an acknowledgement that EEB is taking a position in favor of demolition. I strongly oppose EEB taking such a position. It should also be noted that the very large specimen trees and other features of the mature wooded landscape on the existing Harley Clarke property provide significant habitat that would be destroyed if the trees are removed. In addition, it is inaccurate to refer to this area as restoring a dune. Geologically, the area surrounding Light House beach is sand and gravel beach deposits; it has never been a dune.

Thanks for whatever consideration can be made of my comments. Thanks.  
Jerri”

L. Young motioned to amend the resolution to remove the sites listed. S. Osborne seconded, all approved.

W. Pollock motioned to transmit the document as amended to the Mayor with the recommendation that he issue a resolution. S. Osborne seconded, all approved.

**B. Progress Update on Climate Action and Resilience Plan**

K. Jensen stated CARP met twice on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>. The meetings were held for the purpose of reviewing comments and incorporating into the plan. CARP will have the final vote on the plan on November 13<sup>th</sup> which will go to Human Services Committee and City Council in December.

**5. New Business**

**A. Discussion of Released FY2019 City Budget**

K. Jensen explained the proposed FY2019 City Budget to the Board.

**B. Discussion of Proposed BBCs Consolidation and Impact on EEB**

K. Jensen reported Johana Leonard, Community Development Director, was task by the Rules Committee to review all the City’s boards and committees. Her recommendation to the City’s Rules Committee was to consolidate 17 Boards/Committees to eight (8). The eight (8) committees would be aligned with the STAR goals.

**6. Adjournment**

C. Leblanc-Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting, S. Liddell seconded. W. Pollock adjourned at 8:52 pm.

**Next Meeting – Thursday, November 8, 2018**