



MEETING MINUTES

Evanston Environmental Board

Thursday, January 10, 2019

6:30 p.m.

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

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

Members Absent: Noreen Edwards, Michael Kormanik, Scott Osborne

Staff Present: Kumar Jensen, Alyson Wright

Guests: Jack Lido (Northwestern Journalism Student)

Presiding Member: Wendy Pollock

1. Declaration of Quorum

W. Pollock called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and a quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

No comments.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December

L. Young motioned to accept amended minutes, C. Leblanc-Fisher seconded, all approved.

4. 2019 Goal: Advance Implementation of the Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP)

The board agreed to focus on these CARP priorities over the coming year:

A. Zero Waste – Introduction of Material Use Hierarchy (K. Jensen)

K. Jensen distributed to board members a Material Use Hierarchy and explained its purpose to guide policies and the implementation of the Zero Waste section of CARP. Board members discussed the Material Use Hierarchy and discussed what “zero” means in term of waste.

S. Liddell volunteered to do more research on Zero Waste.

B. Urban Canopy and Green Space

See below.

C. Green Infrastructure

K. Jensen informed the board that Staff is currently working on the Complete and Green Streets report and it will fall under CARP implementation moving forward.

L. Young volunteered to continue tracking progress on the board's March 2018 recommendation that the COE: "Develop a comprehensive stormwater management plan to maximize GI solutions and reduce reliance on grey infrastructure, taking a watershed approach, in order to address our current flooding and sewer overflow events and prepare for more frequent and severe stormwater events anticipated due to climate change."

D. Resilience Regulations

K. Jensen clarified that the Focus Area – Resilience Regulations will not be a priority for the strategy being brought to Human Services in March since there is not a vulnerability assessment to guide regulations. J. Garl wants each City department to look at existing policies and regulations surrounding resilience regulations like building codes.

J. Garl and T. Klitzkie volunteered to research Evanston plumbing codes.

5. Old Business

A. Review Environment Board Bylaws

L. Young briefed the board on her investigation of similar boards in other cities. She suggested several options that might be considered in response to calls for consolidation of BCCs, including moving to quarterly meetings.

L. Young proposes each member provides reasons at the next meeting for why the Board should continue as is or why the Board should change their structure.

6. Status of Recent EEB Actions

A. CARP Implementation Recommendations (December 2018 – City Manager, The Mayor and City Council)

W. Pollock reported that she sent the board's recommendations immediately following last meeting and received an acknowledgment from the City Manager.

B. Natural Areas Resolution (October 2018)

W. Pollock reported that she had sent the Mayor the board's October 2018 resolution regarding designation, protection, and maintenance of Natural Areas; that staff are following up; and that the Stewardship Network already has met. The hope is that the Mayor will issue a proclamation on Earth Day.

C. Stewardship Network (October 2018)

P. D'Agostino and the Stewardship Network have met. The board hopes to move the Mayor to make a proclamation for Earth Day.

7. Adjournment

J. Garl moved to adjourn the meeting, C. Kucharczyk seconded. W. Pollock adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 14, 2019