



MEETING MINUTES

Evanston Environmental Board

Thursday, March 14, 2019

6:30 p.m.

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

Members Present: Cherie Leblanc-Fisher, Wendy Pollock, Linda Young, Jeri Garl, Tom Klitchkte, Noreen Edwards

Members Absent: Scott Osborne, Michael Kormanik, Christopher Kucharczyk, Sarah Liddell

Staff Present: Paul D'Agostino, Leslie Perez, Alyson Wright

Guests: Leslie Shad, Doreen Price

Presiding Member: Wendy Pollock

1. Declaration of Quorum

W. Pollock called meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and a quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

D. Price supports the movement to have CARP goals incorporated into the City Council annual goals. The EEB has pushed the idea of having CARP as one of the of the stand-alone annual City Council goals. Ms. Price advocates implementing CARP that will provide assistance and services to the lower income areas of the City.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November

L. Young motioned to accept minutes, J. Garl seconded, all approved.

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

A. 2019-2020 CARP Implementation Strategy Overview

A. Wright reports on Kumar Jensen's presentation to the Human Services Committee. Mr. Jensen discussed CARP implementation strategy. He proposed a 2 year strategy with budgets and timelines. The Committee was concerned about cost of the implementation, stormwater and housing.

B. Environmental Justice Ordinance

J. Garl provided an update on the Environmental Justice Ordinance. In the process of revising the initial draft provided to the City. Alderman Revelle and Leslie Shad provided significant comments on the draft. Changes are being made to the draft

document mainly focusing on redundancies. The group is focusing on making the document more workable and understandable to City staff. Ms. Garl hopes to have a revised document for the EEB members to review by April.

C. CARP Omnibus Bill: Next Steps

L. Shad discussed an updated CARP Omnibus ordinance. K. Jensen has suggested that the Omnibus bill be integrated into the CARP implementation strategy that is currently in development and was recently presented to the Human Services Committee. L. Shad has some reservation as Mr. Jensen plan is more focused on staff while her Omnibus bill would focus on ordinances and/or policies. She reviewed CARP and pulled out sections that would require policy changes in order to implement. She proposed drafting an ordinance for City Council approval by the end of the year or early next year to address a policy and/or ordinance changes required by the implementation of CARP.

D. Complete & Green Streets Policy

L. Young reported on the Complete & Green Street Policy. A set of metrics was developed in order to gauge the success of the policy. Two years of metric data was provided to the Transportation Committee for review in order to create a report. The question was raised about the usefulness of the metrics. Some Committee members observed that the actual projects did not address pedestrian issues as thoroughly as transportation issues. Members felt the policy addressed bike paths and construction on the street but there are still sidewalks in disrepair that require immediate attention.

5. Status of Recent EEB Actions

A. Natural Areas Proclamation

P. D'Agostino reports the Mayor has agreed to make a proclamation on natural areas based on recommendation by the EEB in October 2018.

B. Expand Natural Habitat on Public Land

P. D'Agostino announced the Parkway Planting ordinance was passed by City Council in early March. As soon as the ordinance is codified, it will be official.

6. Agenda and Assignments for Next Meeting

A. Liaison with other Boards and Commissions that have CARP related responsibilities

P. D'Agostino advised the Board that there is no requirement to have an official liaison between EEB and other boards or committees. He believes it is more effective to have an EEB member attend other board/committee meetings where CARP related issues can be addressed.

B. Create and Implement a Zero Waste Strategy; Begin phasing out the use of single-use, petroleum-based products through education and policy

W. Pollock asked A. Wright to provide an update the Business Recognition Program. Ms. Wright indicated they are still in the pilot phase of the program. Businesses will

submit their final submission checklist on March 31st. She will review the checklist with each individual business to obtain feedback by April 15th.

C. Increase tree planting, establishment, and preservation

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7. Announcement

A. National League of Cities Grant Award

A. Wright announced a \$10,000 grant from the National League of Cities.

8. Adjournment

T. Klitzke moved to adjourn the meeting, N. Edwards seconded. W. Pollock adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 11, 2019

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