



## MEETING MINUTES

### **Evanston Environmental Board**

Thursday, April 11, 2019

6:30 p.m.

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

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

Members Absent: Scott Osborne, Michael Kormanik, Tom Klitzkie

Staff Present: Kumar Jensen, Leslie Perez, Alyson Wright

Guests: Bob Heuer, Jayne Jones

Presiding Member: Wendy Pollock

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

W. Pollock called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and a quorum was established.

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

No Public Comment

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

C. Leblanc-Fisher motioned to accept minutes as amended, J. Garl seconded, all approved.

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

##### **A. CARP Implementation Action Plan & Omnibus Process**

Mr. Jensen reports senior staff is really interested in the omnibus process because they envision this as an effective way to deal with numerous policy changes that need to happen in a very short period of time.

##### **B. Environmental Justice Ordinance**

J. Garl reports the environmental justice task force is working with Citizens for Greener Evanston to create a base map of some environmental justice features. The task force is working to developing an ordinance. The issue with the ordinance is workability and how practical is it for staff to implement. It was decided in the last task force meeting to cut out the very specific procedural elements that call for developers to do an assessment of neighborhood impacts and focus more on what is driving environmental justice in Evanston.

### **C. Composting at City Facilities and in Public Places**

A. Wright reports that composting at the Civic Center and the Levy Center has been implemented. The indoor farmer's market has a small composting program which will continue when the larger outdoor farmer's market starts in early May. The Ecology Center offers composting for any event held there. The event coordinator is billed for the composting service. The next step is to implement more composting programs at other City facilities such as the Service Center, Fleetwood-Jourdain, the main Library, Police and Fire Head Quarters and the Water Plant. Ms. Wright is working with the Special Events coordinator to consider composting at their events. She is also working with residence on educating them on composting at block parties.

### **D. Sustain Evanston Project Update**

A. Wright presented a list of eight businesses that completed the recognition program. She will send a feedback survey to the businesses. The data from the survey will be used to restructure the program which will be implemented by June 2019 for all Evanston businesses to participate. A postcard was developed to educate the businesses about the program. The postcards can be presented to a business by a resident. She is looking for feedback from the board.

### **E. City of Berkeley Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance**

K. Jensen reports the City Manager requested the Evanston Environment Board review the City of Berkeley Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction ordinance. The City Manager would like to know what part of the Berkeley ordinance would apply to the City of Evanston and what the City should do related to the ordinance. The purpose is to review the ordinance and provide feedback and/or suggestions for the possible development of an ordinance or policy. K. Jensen and A. Wright reviewed the Berkeley ordinance and provided feedback. The Board was very receptive to the ordinance and how the City of Berkeley implemented the ordinance. The Board is aware that the environment in California lends its self to a more progressive ordinance than may be implemented here.

## **5. Status of Recent EEB Actions**

### **A. Natural Areas Proclamation**

The Natural Areas Proclamation is part of the Earth Day celebration. The proclamation will be read by the Mayor on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Clark Street Beach Bird Sanctuary.

### **B. Water Conservation: Gray Water**

Continued to future meetings

### **C. Increase Tree Planting, Establishment, and Preservation**

Continued to future meetings

## **6. Agenda and Assignments for Next Meeting**

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

K. Jensen reported the City Boards and Committee realignment was put on hold.

**7. Announcement**

K. Jensen announced the subcommittee of the MWEBE compliance committee has taken an interest in having Green Jobs Fair. This is relatively new and Mr. Jensen is unsure if the committee is looking to provide training and host a fair, strictly provide training or just host a job fair.

Clean Up Evanston is the City's sponsored Earth and Arbor Day celebration. There are several cleanup sites around the City and residents can volunteer through Volunteer Evanston. The Ecology Center will hold family friendly activities for those who don't want to participate in the cleanup but would like to do something earth day related.

The transfer station environmental monitoring study project has been scoped, the contractor has been hired and the City is working on purchasing the monitoring equipment. The equipment requires calibration and the City is working with the contractor to determine the placement and locations of the monitoring equipment. The City will hold a kickoff session at Gibbs-Morrison on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

N. Edwards announced that her term was ending April 2019 and she has elected not to seek a reappointment from the Mayor.

**8. Adjournment**

N. Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting, C. Kucharczyk seconded. W. Pollock adjourned at 8:44 pm.

**Next Meeting – Thursday, May 9, 2019**