



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Evanston Environmental Board**

Thursday, June 13, 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, Sarah Liddell, Ben Kaplan

Members Absent: Christopher Kucharczyk, Michael Kormanik

Staff Present: Paul D'Agostino, Leslie Perez

Guests: Joan Muller, Laura Winston, Michael Berman, Caroline Peyer, Bea Echeverria, Jim Kotz, Michelle Redfield, Hal Sprague, Rick Nelson

Presiding Member: Wendy Pollock

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

W. Pollock called meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. and a quorum was established.

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

L. Winston and J. Muller are co-chairs of Citizen's Climate Lobby, Evanston chapter. The national Citizen's Climate Lobby is gathering support from various municipalities for H. R. 763 – Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019. L. Winston believes there is a requirement in the CARP plans for advocacy in the Municipal Operations section and she is asking for the Evanston Environment Board's support for a resolution. The resolution would support House Bill 763. She provided the Board with a copy of the draft resolution.

C. Peyer and M. Redfield, nominated EEB board members, both introduced themselves to the board.

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

C. Leblanc-Fisher motioned to accept minutes as amended, S. Liddell seconded, all approved.

#### **4. Announcements**

##### **A. Welcome New Board Member(s)**

W. Pollock introduced new board member Ben Kaplan. Mr. Kaplan provided a brief description of his background.

L. Young announced her resignation from the Board.

## **B. Elk Grove Recycling Facility Tour**

J. Garl announced the tour details of the Groot's recycling facilities in Elk Grove Village.

P. D'Agostino passed out Sustain Evanston postcards. The postcards are available at all City community centers.

## **5. 2019 Goal: Advance Implementation of the Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP)**

### **Continuing**

#### **A. CARP Implementation & Policy Package Proposal**

P. D'Agostino updated the board on the City's process to implement the CARP plan. The plan may take up to two years to implement. In year one the focus will be waste reduction and year two will be municipal operations and buildings.

#### **B. CARP Performance Metrics**

##### **a. Urban Canopy/Forestry**

C. Leblanc-Fisher reports that she has developed a list of metrics for Urban Canopy/Forestry. In her research, she discovered that municipalities with climate action plans didn't have metrics associated with the plan. The list includes changing canopy cover and net trees planted. She explained that collecting the data for canopy cover would be expensive for the City.

#### **C. Ban on all Gas Powered Lawn Equipment**

T. Klitzkie reports the City has a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers but enforcement of the ban is lacking. He also reports the City has little to no information on violations of the ordinance.

### **New**

#### **A. Environmental Justice Evanston**

R. Nelson presented the Environmental Justice Evanston resolution for the purpose of attaining feedback from the Environment Board.

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

W. Pollock outlined the next agenda and assignments for board members.

## **7. Adjournment**

C. Leblanc-Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting, J. Garl seconded. W. Pollock adjourned at 8:17 pm.

**Next Meeting – Thursday, July 11, 2019**