



MEETING MINUTES

Evanston Environmental Board

Thursday, July 11, 2019

6:30 p.m.

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

Members Present: Cherie Leblanc-Fisher, Wendy Pollock, Jerri Garl, Tom Klitzkie, Ben Kaplan, Christopher Kucharczyk

Members Absent: Michael Kormanik, Sarah Liddell, Michelle Redfield, Caroline Peyer

Staff Present: Kumar Jensen, Leslie Perez, David Stoneback, Alyson Wright

Guests: Aldric Martinez-Olson, Daniel Tjondro, Frederick Pardoe, Terra Baer, Jim Kotz

Presiding Member: Wendy Pollock

1. Declaration of Quorum

W. Pollock called meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and a quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

No public comment

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June

C. Leblanc-Fisher motioned to accept minutes as amended, T. Klitzkie seconded, all approved.

4. Announcements

K Jensen announced the Air Quality Monitoring Study community meetings are set for August 29th and October 24th. At those meetings, the consultant will share the first and second sets of analyzed data from the study and discuss the progress of the study. The consultants will also perform a 30 day traffic study from August 5th through September 3rd and the traffic study will be discussed at the meetings which will be held at Fleetwood-Jourdain.

A. Martinez-Olson announced an \$8,000 good neighbor fund grant for Evanston businesses, schools and other organizations that support CARP goals in zero waste and environmental justice can apply for grant money. The City will begin taking applications for funding in late July.

K. Jensen announced the City of Evanston was certified as a National Community Wildlife Federation Habit. Evanston is the first community in Illinois with this designation.

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

Staff Reports/Updates

A. Discussion of Stormwater Infrastructure with Public Works Director

D. Stoneback presented a history of the sewer system utilized by the City of Evanston. Presentation [here](#).

B. CARP Policy Package & Engagement Approach

K. Jensen discussed the engagement approach for the CARP policy. Mr. Jensen recommended a 2 year process for the implementation of CARP goals. The first two year process will focus on reduction of energy consumption and carbon emissions from buildings. Year 1 will be April 2019 through March 2020 with the remainder of 2020 focused on the Year 2 process. Year 1 will focus on waste reduction goals as outlined in the CARP plan. The Commercial Solid Waste Franchise Agreement is up for renewal in October 2020 and will be focused on Year one. Year 2 will focus on the CARP resolution dealing with municipal operations and the carbon emissions from buildings.

W. Pollock motioned to support the proposal to Human Services Committee with recommendations. C. Kucharczyk seconded, all approved.

Member Reports/Updates

A. Groot Material Recovery Facility Field Trip Recap

J. Garl reported on the trip the MERF facility operated by Groot Industries.

B. Environmental Justice Resolution Update

J. Garl reports they received comments and made significant changes to the proposed resolution. The revised resolution will be presented to City Council in August.

C. CARP Performance Metrics

a. Urban Canopy/Forestry

C. Leblanc-Fisher reports she is working on the metrics for this CARP goal and will present a memo in a future meeting.

b. Waste

C. Kucharczyk reported on the banning of all single use plastics by the City of Evanston. He recommended the Board and City support such a policy but a formal motion to support was pushed to a future EEB meeting.

D. American Green Zone Alliance

T. Klitzkie requested a FIOA on how many 311 requests the City received in a three year period regarding gas powered blower complaints. In 2017 there were 109 complaints, 2018 46 complaints and year-to-date 2019 15 complaints.

6. Items for Future Meetings

W. Pollock discussed adding items such as the discussion on co-chairs for future meetings.

7. Adjournment

C. Kucharczyk moved to adjourn the meeting, B. Kaplan seconded. W. Pollock adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Next Meeting – Thursday, August 8, 2019