MEETING MINUTES
Evanston Environment Board
Thursday, January 9, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge, Room #2404

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

Members Absent: Sarah Liddell, Michelle Redfield

Staff Present: Kumar Jensen, Leslie Perez, Brittanie Giroux

Guests: Allen Alexander, Max Alexander, Eva Herscowitz, Rick Nelson, Tim Eberhart, T. Noble, D Headd, Owen Stidman, Jim Kotz

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
   No Comments

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December
   T. Klitzkie motioned to accept minutes as amended, B. Kaplan seconded, all approved.

4. Announcements
   K. Jensen announced the Partners for Places grant is looking at evaluating the barriers to affordable housing being highly energy efficient and how to transition existing affordable housing to highly energy efficient affordable housing.

5. 2019 Goal: Implement Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP)

   Staff Reports/Updates
   A. Amended Meeting Schedule
      T. klitzkie motioned to change the February 13, 2020 EEB meeting to February 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm. C. Kucharczyk seconded, all approved.
B. Balloon Release Policy  
K. Jensen reports that after some research into this topic that there seems to be a universal standard balloon release policy language in most communities that have this type of ordinance. The next step is for the law department to review the policy so it can be converted to a resolution. Then the resolution can be sent to the human services committee for introduction.

C. Additional Zero Waste Policies Staff are Developing  
K. Jensen has two additional policies for the Zero Waste Task Force:

1. Requiring recycling at all properties

K. Jensen is struggling with terminology and what we want to call recycling at all properties. City staff has come up with “universal access to waste diversion services, composting and recycling”. Textile collection which hasn’t been addressed in over a year and a half may be added as a future service. The City is looking at a phase in the requirement so not all properties would be treated the same.

2. Updating and revising the plastic bag ban.

K. Jensen expressed the City’s desire to eliminate the use of thicker bags by larger retailers, impose a user fee which may or may not be split between the retailer and the City and eliminate the use of plastic bags.

D. Climate Equity  
Continued

Member Reports/Updates
A. EEB 2020 Goals  
Continued

B. Subcommittees/Task Forces
   a. CARP Implementation Task Force
      J. Garl and W. Pollock sent a letter on behalf of the board to the Mayor and City leadership professing the highlight for CARP to be part of the City Council goals for 2020.

   b. Zero Waste Working Group  
      Continued

C. Environmental Justice Resolution  
K. Jensen reports EJE is looking at the definitions of environmental justice. J. Garl has indicated that the EJE has received feedback and made changes which would reference other existing definitions of environmental justice. EJE is also looking at definitions for public engagement.
6. **Adjournment**
   C. Kucharczyk moved to adjourn the meeting, C. Leblanc-Fisher seconded. W. Pollock adjourned at 8:44 pm.

   **Next Meeting – Thursday, February 20, 2019**