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**Environmental Advisory Council**  
**Tuesday, July 28, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was held on the above date for the transaction of general business at Schlegel Park.

EAC members present –D. Beane, C. Curran-Myers, B. Coyle

Others present – S. Katzenmoyer, D. Hoag, D. Myers

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Curran-Myers called the meeting to order at 12:13 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

**MINUTES**

**Motion was made by Mr. Beane, seconded by Ms. Coyle, to approve the May 26, 2015 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously. (Note: Mr. Molteni gave his approval of the minutes via email.)**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Ms. Curran-Myers stated that many of the initiatives in the current plan have been completed or are no longer necessary. She noted the need for the EAC to prepare formal comments on the City’s Comprehensive Plan and suggested that a subcommittee be formed.

Ms. Hoag suggested that the EAC address City brown field locations in the future.

Ms. Katzenmoyer was asked to speak with the City Planner and Zoning Administrator about how the EAC could have a formal voice in the Plan review process.

Dr. Myers stated that most of the items that the EAC wants to address are marketing – who is the audience, what is the message, and how is it approached. He noted the need to educate new officials on the work of the EAC.

Mr. Beane stated that the EAC may have difficulty working on and implementing new initiatives. He stated that each item will tax the EAC and he noted the need for additional subcommittees which would include non-EAC members to get the work done. He noted the need to bring additional people forward as resources.

Ms. Hoag suggested that members target others with special interests or professional ties to environmental issues.

Dr. Myers suggested that organizations be invited to attend EAC meetings to give presentations to grow the resource pool.

Mr. Beane noted the need to speak with Eron Lloyd before he leaves the City to get his knowledge base and to see what projects the EAC can continue to work on after the change in administrations.

Ms. Curran-Myers suggested that each member try to find others who would be interested working on subcommittees. She suggested bringing names to the next meeting to share with the group. Mr. Beane reminded all that there is also a Board vacancy.

The EAC will also focus on these initiatives:

- continuing storm water
- removal of Bushong dam
- complete streets initiatives
- act as a convener to bring together all the groups working on common goals and projects
- redevelopment projects

Dr. Myers suggested that the EAC divide the focus areas into short term and long term goal projects. Ms. Curran-Myers will prepare an outline of short and long term goals along with partners/stakeholders. This will be discussed at the September meeting.

Dr. Myers left the meeting at this time.

## **ORDINANCES**

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that she has updated the documents and sent them to

the EAC for review and comment. She stated that she has received no comment but that Mr. Molteni has noted his approval via email.

Ms. Curran-Myers stated that a map is available for steep slopes but that the land must still be surveyed. She stated that the map is a guide but cannot be used in a final ruling.

**Motion was made by Mr. Beane, seconded by Ms. Coyle, to submit the ordinances to Council. (Note: Mr. Molteni gave his approval of the minutes via email.)**

Ms. Curran-Myers stated that the subcommittee will meet again as necessary based on any additional comments.

Ms. Hoag noted the need to coordinate a presentation to Council on the MS4 program as part of the ordinance approval process. The presentation will take place in September or October based on the timeline of the ordinance approval process.

### **STAR INITIATIVES**

No report.

### **CLEAN POWER PLAN**

Ms. Curran-Myers stated that she presented the resolution to Council last evening and that it was well received.

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that it will appear on Council's August 10 agenda for approval.

### **CITY OWNED DAMS**

Ms. Hoag stated that the RFP for the Bushong dam removal is being prepared and will also include several other initiatives to keep the project moving forward. She noted the need for the City to determine the best way to spend funding – studies versus actions.

Ms. Hoag stated that the City recently learned that it owned an additional dam on Water Authority property in Ontelaunee Township (near the confluence of Willow and Maiden Creeks). She stated that there are water quality issues at this location and that the Water Authority would like the dam removed. She stated

that there is further review required.

### **STORM WATER ISSUES**

Ms. Hoag stated that permit comments are due on Friday. She stated that there are issues with the proposal and that not all permit issues are contained in the regulations – most problematic of which is legacy sediment issues.

### **MAYOR'S SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE/SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SUBCOMMITTEE**

No report.

### **BCTV**

Mr. Beane stated that he and Ms. Ignozzi-Shafer recently taped the August show and it will feature Casting for Recovery. He stated that he has topics lined up to finish the year.

### **TREEVITALIZE GRANT FUNDING**

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that Mr. Ruyak has indicated that if the City is awarded funding it will allow the tree inventory to continue.

Ms. Curran-Myers suggested that the EAC submit a letter of support for the application. The EAC agreed. Ms. Katzenmoyer will follow up with Mr. Ruyak.

### **RAIN GARDENS**

Ms. Curran-Myers stated that her presentation will be postponed until meetings are held indoors.

### **LIGHT POLLUTION**

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that this issue was on the EAC's last long range plan but that it was not addressed.

Ms. Curran-Myers suggested that it remain a project.

Ms. Hoag stated that she was just notified of an upcoming webinar on this topic. She stated that she will forward the information to EAC members.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, August 25 at noon at Pendorf Park at the lower pavilion (on Forest St).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
*Shelly Katzenmoyer, CMC*  
Deputy City Clerk