

Environmental Commission Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 2008

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

City Council Chambers

AGENDA

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call of Members
- C) Amendments and Approval of the Agenda
- D) Special Presentations/Announcements
- E) Public Commentary
- F) Reading and Approval of Minutes
- G) Unfinished Business as Listed on the Agenda
- H) Commission Proposed Business
- I) Staff Proposed Business
- J) Report of the Administrator and Council
 - 1. Idling ordinance status
 - 2. Outdoor lighting ordinance status
 - 3. Precautionary principle ordinance status
 - 4. New council representative to commission
- K) Items from the Environment Staff
 - 1. Update on State of Our Environment Report web site
 - 2. Update on Environmental Action Plan
- L) Items from the Park Advisory, Energy, and Planning Commission Representatives
- M) Reports of the Chair and Committees
 - 1. Chair
 - 2. Huron River and Impoundment Management Plan Committee
 - 3. Natural Features Committee
 - 4. Solid Waste Committee
 - 5. State of Our Environment Report Committee
 - 6. Transportation Committee
 - 7. Water Committee
- N) Public Commentary
- O) Adjournment

Environmental Commission Working Session
 Thursday, December 6, 2007
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
 4th Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Environmental Commissioners		Present
Mike Anglin	City Council	
Steve Bean (Chair)		✓
Rita Loch Caruso		✓
Malama Chock		
Ron Emaus	Planning Advisory Commission	
John German		✓
Chris Graham (Vice-Chair)		✓
Gwen Nystuen	Parks Advisory Commission	✓
David Stead		✓
Margie Teall	City Council	
David Wright	Energy Commission	✓
TBD		
TBD		
Staff		
Matthew Naud	Environmental Coordinator	

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call of Members –Quorum
- C) Amendments and Approval of the Agenda – Agenda amended to add H2
- D) Special Presentations/Announcements - none
- E) Public Commentary - none
- F) Reading and Approval of Minutes - none
- G) Unfinished Business as Listed on the Agenda
 - 1) Approval of text of introduction to State of Our Environment Report web site – This text was developed by Commissioner Bean and the State of Our Environment Report Committee. Commissioner Stead moved to have the text approved, Commissioner German seconded. All approved.
- H) Commission Proposed Business
 - 1) Meeting schedule for 2008 – the schedule for 2008 was reviewed and the February meeting was changed from Feb 28 because of the AAPS vacation schedule.
 - a) January 24
 - b) February 21 – changed from Feb 28 (AAPS break) and is a possible date for a retreat with city staff (working session--WS)
 - c) March 27
 - d) April 24 (WS)

- e) May 22
 - f) June 26 (WS)
 - g) July 24
 - h) August 28 (WS)
 - i) September 25
 - j) October 23 (WS)
 - k) December 4 (WS)
- 2) Resolution to Appoint Member to the Commercial Recycling Implementation Committee – Commissioner Stead moved the resolution, Commissioner German seconded – all approved.
- I) Staff Proposed Business
- 1) Discussion of ideas for video programs produced and broadcast by CTN, the State of Our Environment Report Committee will discuss this at a January Meeting.
- J) Report of the Administrator and Council
- 1) Idling ordinance status – expected out of the Attorney’s office soon
 - 2) Outdoor lighting ordinance status – redrafted and being circulated among knowledgeable stakeholders
 - 3) Precautionary principle ordinance status – This topic will be discussed by the Commission to decide how to continue working on this topic. Previous information was emailed to the Commission in December.
 - 4) New council representative to commission – Mike Anglin is the new City Council member on the commission.
- K) Items from the Environment Staff
- 1) Update on State of Our Environment Report web site – most of the site has been transitioned to the MOSS format – the site is expected to go live end of January. Commissioners were asked to review the color and arrow for each indicator in their area of expertise and provide input prior to the site going live.
 - 2) Update on Environmental Action Plan – under development
 - 3) Matthew Naud reviewed current projects – see list attached
- L) Items from the Park Advisory, Energy, and Planning Commission Representatives
- M) Reports of the Chair and Committees
- 1) Chair – Commissioner Bean discussed the proposed agenda for meetings and working sessions. Alternating public meetings and working sessions was supported. Working sessions would be open to the public and would follow formal agendas only if action items were involved.
 - 2) Huron River and Impoundment Management Plan Committee
 - 3) Natural Features Committee
 - 4) Solid Waste Committee
 - 5) State of Our Environment Report Committee
 - 6) Transportation Committee
 - 7) Water Committee – Commissioner Caruso discussed the recent CARD meeting and Roger Rayle’s integration of Pall contamination data into Google Earth

- N) Public Commentary - none
- O) Meeting evaluation/Adjournment

Action Items for January

Matt Naud to distribute prior precautionary principle documents

Hold Feb 21 with key staff for retreat

Commissioners to review State of Our Environment Indicators

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE
COMMERCIAL RECYCLING IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan Update in 2002 that includes an overall recycling diversion goal (including the entire commercial sector) of 60% – approximately 40,200 tons/year for both City-serviced and non-City-serviced commercial customers;

Whereas, the City Council directed the Ann Arbor Environmental Commission to develop a Commercial Recycling Implementation Plan based on the elements contained in the approved Solid Waste Plan;

Whereas, the City Council established a multi-stakeholder committee to develop the plan under the auspices of the Environmental Commission.

Whereas, the Commercial Recycling Committee has completed and forwarded a report entitled “Commercial Recycling Recommendations” to the Environmental Commission for its consideration with the recommendation to accept this report and endorse its recommendation;

Whereas, the Environmental Commission accepted the report entitled “Commercial Recycling Recommendations” and endorsed the recommendations contained therein;

Whereas, the City Council accepted and endorsed the report and its recommendations;

Resolved, that the Environmental Commission creates the Commercial Recycling Implementation Committee;

Resolved, that the following individuals are appointed as members of the Commercial Recycling Implementation Committee for a period of one year:

Ms. Tracy Artley, The University of Michigan

Mr. Steve Bean, Environmental Commission*

Ms. Wendi Felgner, Ann Arbor Learning Center*

Ms. Maggie Ladd, South University Area Association*

Mr. Doug McClure, Conlin, McKenney & Philbrick*

Ms. Rachel Murphy, Borders Group

Ms. Kristin Pedersen, Unibar Maintenance Services

Ms. Susan Pollay, Downtown Development Authority*

Ms. Kristie Profit Martin, Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Scott Rosencrans, Behnke Construction*

Ms. Nancy Rucker, Zingerman's*

Mr. Tim Stark, 1-800-GOT-JUNK*

Mr. David Stead, Environmental Commission*

Ms. Margie Teall, City Council/Environmental Commission*

Mr. Jay Uzoigwe, Google-Ann Arbor

* = Served on previous Commercial Recycling Committee that developed approved Commercial Recycling Plan

Submitted by Commissioners Bean, Stead and Teall - December 6, 2007

Approved unanimously by Commissioner Bean, Loch Caruso, German, Graham, Nystuen, and Stead on December 6, 2007

Environmental Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 27, 2007

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Council Chambers – City Hall 2nd Floor
City of Ann Arbor, MI

Minutes

Environmental Commissioners		Present
Steve Bean (Chair)		✓
Rita Loch Caruso		✓
Malama Chock		
Ron Emaus	Planning Advisory Commission	✓
John German		
Chris Graham (Vice-Chair)		✓
Gwen Nystuen	Parks Advisory Commission	✓
David Stead		✓
Margie Teall	City Council	
Wendy Woods	City Council	✓
David Wright	Energy Commission	
TBD		
TBD		
Staff		
Matthew Naud	Environmental Coordinator	

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll Call of Members - Quorum
- C) Amendments and Approval of the Agenda – Commissioner Stead moved; Commissioner Graham seconded; approved
- D) Public Comment - none
- E) Special Presentations - none
- F) Election of Officers – Commissioner Nystuen nominated Commissioner Bean as Chair; Commissioner Graham seconded; approved unanimously; Commissioner Stead nominated Commissioner Graham as Vice-chair; Commissioner Emaus seconded; approved unanimously.
- G) Reading and Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Graham moved; Commissioner Stead seconded; approved as amended
- H) Unfinished Business as Listed on the Agenda
- I) Commission Proposed Business
 - a) Review and Approval of State of Our Environment Report – the Commission discussed the draft State of Our Environment Report and made the following recommendations:
 - change arrows to reflect whether the condition is improving or decreasing as opposed to reflecting the data trend of the indicator. For

example, have the arrow for VMT going down because the condition is getting worse rather than up because VMT is going up.

- Increase the number of visuals on each page.
 - The commission commented on the introduction drafted by Commissioner Bean and the revised version will be brought back at the next meeting.
- J) Staff Proposed Business - none
- K) Report of the Administrator and Council - none
- L) Items from the Environment Staff – report on current activities
- M) Items from the Park Advisory, Energy, and Planning Commission Representatives
- a) PAC – A report is out on the city golf courses and public meetings will be held. PAC is reviewing natural areas to give them Preserve status and special protection.
 - b) Planning – A flood mitigation ordinance is under development but no draft is out from the committee.
- N) Reports of the Chair and Committees
- a) Chair – Commissioner Bean discussed the Green Rush on the UM campus for student environmental groups. The commission discussed having a student as a member of the Environmental Commission.
 - b) Huron River and Impoundment Plan – Three committees on dam management, aquatic vegetation, and recreation have been meeting to fact find prior to drafting recommendations in December.
 - c) Natural Features – Commissioner Graham discussed the interest in preserving scenic vistas using the USFS systematic approach. The committee is also working on amendments to the landscape ordinance. There is interest in evaluating the potential integration of native forests into the stormwater system. He also noted that SEMCOG is working on a new book on low impact development.
 - d) Solid Waste – City Council approved the consultant for the Commercial Recycling Implementation Committee that will develop recommendations on specific proposals and programs.
 - e) State of the Environment – see 1a above
 - f) Transportation - none
 - g) Water – Commissioner Caruso discussed the recent CARD meeting; the Graham Institute and their water theme. She discussed the need to identify achievable goals for the Committee.
- O) Public Commentary - none
- P) Adjournment

2007 Meeting Schedule

October 25
December 6