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Formal Minutes

Thursday, November 30, 2023

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

Environmental Commission

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

LAND HERITAGE STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Present: 11 - Christopher L. Graham, John Callewaert, Stephen C Brown, John Mirsky, Rita Mitchell, Anne Marsan, Bridget Gruber, Sara Nedrich, Dharma Akmon, Maisie Weyhing,

and Brooks Curtis

Absent: 2 - Lisa Disch, and Anya Dale

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Mirsky, seconded by Vice-chairperson Brown, that the agenda be approved with changes allowing introduction of the new City Environmental Services Manager, Erin Donnelly. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23-1836 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 10.26.23

A motion was made by Vice-chairperson Brown, seconded by Commissioner Curtis, that the minutes be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 12/18/2023. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried, with Commissioners Gruber, Mirsky, and Weyhing abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Three members of the public called in.

NEW BUSINESS

23-1825 Proposed Environmental Commission Meeting Calendar for 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Gruber, that the 2024 Environmental Commission calendar be approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

23-1979 Presentation on PFAS

Vice-chairperson Brown presented on PFAS.

23-1992 Environmental Commission Resolution in Support of a Phase 2 Feasibility Study of Municipalization

Commissioners reviewed the proposed resolution and suggested edits that will be incorporated for a future reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23-1746 Annual Environmental Commission Policy Recommendations

Commissioners reviewed the proposed recommendations and suggested edits that will be incorporated for a future reading.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, OTHER COMMISSIONS, COUNCIL, AND CHAIR

Biodiversity Working Group – Commissioner Graham reported out.

Circular Economy Working Group – Commissioner Callewaert reported out.

Water Quality Working Group – Vice-chairperson Brown reported out.

Energy Commission – Commissioner Mirsky reported out.

Parks Advisory Commission – Commissioner Marsan reported out.

Transportation Commission – Council Member Akmon reported out.

Council Report – Council Member Akmon reported out.

Chairperson Report – Chairperson Mitchell reported out.

REPORT FROM STAFF

23-1978 Staff Updates for the Environmental Commission, November 2023

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is January 25, 2024 at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No callers for public commentary.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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