



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Environmental Commission

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Thursday, December 7, 2017

7:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second
floor, City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hutton called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: 10 - Christopher L. Graham, Susan Hutton, Allison Skinner, Robert Needham, Jarin Marocco, Karie Slavik, John Mirsky, Veronica Hannah, Mike Appel, and Shannan Gibb-Randall

Absent: 3 - Chip Smith, Joshua Rego, and Anne Bannister

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Gibb-Randall, that the agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

17-1941 Environmental Commission Minutes 10-26-17

Attachments: FINAL ADOPTED minutes from 10-26-17.pdf

A request was made by Commissioner Appel to edit the attendance of the Oct 26, 2017 meeting minutes to reflect that he was present. A motion was made by Graham, seconded by Skinner, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission with changes and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 1/8/2018. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Dan Ezekiel spoke about the state of waste management in Ann Arbor. Jan Wright, Chair of the Climate Change and Earth Care Task Force of

Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, spoke about food waste/composting and recycling. Steven Brown, a member of the Sierra Club, offered the organization's assistance with recycling.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Mirsky gave an update on the Metrics Subcommittee. The Energy Commission will be working on the Subcommittee's recommendations at their December meeting. The recommendations will also be reviewed at the Environmental Commission's January meeting. Subcommittee recommendations cover all metrics related to environmental goals in the Sustainability Framework and Dashboard. The intention is to agree on updates, if any, and then reflect those changes in the Dashboard. However, as agreed with Chair Hutton, aggressive targets and Commission tracking and follow-up in 2018 should focus on solid waste and recycling related metrics and activities. Staff will send out an update about the recommendations so that Commissioners can review them before the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES AND CHAIR

There were no updates from Committees or the Chair.

17-1951 Solid Waste Program Updates

Attachments: Solid Waste Program Updates_2017-12-07.pdf

Systems Planning Manager Cresson Sloten gave a comprehensive update about the City's solid waste program, including information about the Materials Recovery Facility, the Ann Arbor Solid Waste Plan update; the status of major contracts; county planning and regionalization; and a budget status/update. Jeff Krcmarik, Environmental Supervisor for Washtenaw County spoke about regionalization efforts. Craig Hupy, Public Service Area Administrator, also spoke. Several Commissioners asked questions and shared their feedback. [The video for this presentation runs from 12:30 to 2:11:00.]

17-1946 Amended Solid Waste Management Plan Resolution

Attachments: Amended Solid Waste Management Plan Resolution.docx

A motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Needham, that the Resolution be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 1/8/2018. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

REPORT FROM STAFF

There was no staff report.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No items for the next meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2018 at 7pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There was no public commentary,

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hutton adjourned the meeting at 9:16pm.

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