

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**JANUARY 8, 2008**  
**4:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL ANNEX, 1300 MAIN, CONFERENCE ROOM # 1**

Mike Buelow called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sr. Mary Clare O'Toole, Gayle Gross, John Nemmers, Mike Buelow

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joe Suarez, Wayne Klostermann, one seat remains vacant

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mary Rose Corrigan, Jon Brown, Don Vogt

Michael Buelow completed the Certification of Compliance with the Iowa Open Meetings Law.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Gayle Gross moved to accept the Minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting. Sister Mary Clare O'Toole seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**TEST AGENDA:**

John Nemmers moved to accept the agenda. Sister Mary Clare O'Toole seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Committee Reports.

- *Developers Roundtable* (Mike Buelow) - No report.

- *Stormwater/Erosion Control Committee* (Sr. Mary Clare O'Toole) - no report.

- *Bluffland Advisory Committee* (John Nemmers) – He and Mike Buelow have not been able to attend the Committee meetings, but he has received Minutes and reviewed them. It appears City staff thinks the Committee is proposing too many areas to be designated as “bluffland” and with too many restrictions.

- *Comprehensive Plan Update* (Joe Suarez) – no report

- *Unified Development Code Citizen Advisory Committee* (Wayne Klostermann) – no report

**NEW BUSINESS.**

1. Green City Task Force.

Gayle Gross reported that the Committee had its first meeting and the goal is to hire a consultant to facilitate discussion and ideas before the next year's City budget session. As the task force moves along, they will come up with ideas that may or may not need funding.

**ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Mary Rose Corrigan requested the Commission give her input as to the ESAC involvement in the City's Green Initiative. How does the Commission want to be involved other than being represented on various committees and task forces? Commissioners commented that so far ESAC has not received any projects or items to work on from the City Council. John Nemmers questioned the leadership for making the city “green”. We need a clearinghouse for green activities occurring in the city to

avoid redundancy. The Commission would like to review the Green City Task Force consultant/committee recommendations. It was also suggested that Mary Rose Corrigan discuss with the City Manager if the current City Council wants the Commission to provide information or recommendations proactively or wait for the City Council to refer items to them.

Jon Brown reviewed costs of the Water Pollution Control Plant new facility design options.

Don Vogt discussed the new plastic recycling additions of # 1 – 5 and 7. He also mentioned that glass is a real difficult issue as a commodity because of the increasing costs and problems with collecting it curbside.

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No one present to address the Commission.

**CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:**

Reports from Commissioners on boards/commission meetings (can be e-mailed to Chris for inclusion in the packets.)

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Board/Commission reports.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

February 5, 2008

**ADJOURNMENT:**

John Nemmers moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Clare O'Toole seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

MRC/cj