

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**MAY 4, 2010**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL ANNEX, 1300 MAIN, CONFERENCE ROOM # 1**

Wayne Klostermann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Buelow, Wayne Klostermann, Gayle Walter, Ed Cawley and Chad Oberdoerster

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joe Suarez. One seat remains vacant

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mary Rose Corrigan  
Mary Rose Corrigan completed the Certification of Compliance with the Iowa Open Meetings Law.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
Chad Oberdoerster moved to accept the Minutes of the April 6, 2010 meeting. Mike Buelow seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by a 5 – 0 by roll call vote.

**TEST AGENDA:**  
No changes were made to the agenda.

**ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:**  
**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Commission's Role in Sustainability**

Cori Burbach, Sustainability Coordinator, reviewed the City's Sustainability Plan, which was developed by a task force and approved by the City Council. Dubuque is not making a very detailed task oriented plan like other cities because of the City's Comprehensive Plan, along with ECIA's Long-Range Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. These plans will incorporate the eleven principles outlined in the Sustainability Plan. The long-range Sustainability Plan is formatted around the pillars of sustainability.

Achievement of the Sustainability Plan will also be addressed in the City's Greenhouse Gas Inventory and resulting Climate Action Plan. The City is still in the data gathering phase. There is good data on City government activities and some data on the community. The next step is to adopt targets for reaching milestones based on the data collected. The third step is to work on a local action plan, followed by steps needed to get there, i.e., policies, measurements, etc. The final step is monitoring and verifying results. The City wants to facilitate a strong community engagement with ESAC input.

Cori sees the ESAC's primary sustainability role as reviewing staff projects and having input for City Council that they refer here. Cori stated that this sustainability process will be forwarded to the City Council in the next couple of months and the ESAC can comment and send a letter on the process.

Chad Oberdoerster moved to have a draft letter sent to City Council asking to grant the opportunity to ask the community for input on sustainability. Mike Buelow seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 5 – 0 on a roll call vote. Chad Oberdoerster will draft a letter.

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No one present to address the Commission.

**CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:**

Chad Oberdoerster will draft the letter to the City Council regarding the sustainability public input.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Sustainability. Possibility of banning plastic bags – (Wayne’s request) July meeting. Eric Schmeziel with Soil Water Conservation Service, a division of the National Resource Conservation Service will address the Commission at August meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

July 6, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mike Buelow moved to adjourn the meeting. Ed Cawley seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote at 5:50 p.m.

MRC/cj