

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 5, 2011**  
**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:** Wayne Klostermann, Ed Cawley, Chad Oberdoerster, Mike Buelow, Aditi Sinha

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gayle Walter. One seat remains vacant

**STAFF PRESENT:** Don Vogt, Paul Schultz, Chris Johnson

Wayne Klostermann completed the Certification of Compliance with the Iowa Open Meetings Law.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mike Buelow moved to accept the Minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting. Chad Oberdoerster seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the Minutes were approved by a 5 – 0 by roll call vote.

**TEST AGENDA:**

Chad Oberdoerster moved to accept the Agenda as published. Ed Cawley seconded the motion. There were no changes and the Agenda was approved by a 5 – 0 roll call vote.

**ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Glass Recycling.**

Paul Schultz gave the Commission a report on the challenges of recycling glass collected at curbside. The reasons are many and varied as to why recycling glass is no longer sustainable. A discussion took place about many of the aspects of this issue. After discussion, Wayne moved to receive the information on the consideration of changing the city's curbside glass recycling policy and that the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission is in agreement. Ed Cawley seconded the motion. Motion passed by a 5 – 0 roll call vote.

**2. Car Wash Policy.**

There was a discussion regarding the letters that Dean Mattoon, Engineering, sent to some of the organizations. The Commission felt the letters basically shut down car washes for fund raising. The Commission's intent was not to shut down car washes, they just wanted the organizations to come into compliance for disposal. Wayne suggested that the City provide catchment systems at a few locations. The Commission didn't feel the organizations should have to pay for the systems. There was a short discussion about possible sources of funding, i.e., stormwater fees.

The Commission requested that Deron Muehring be invited to the next Commission meeting on May 3, 2011 to clarify the situation, regarding the possible banning of outdoor car washes. If Deron cannot attend, then they would like Dean Mattoon to attend.

Chad Oberdoerster moved to table the discussion until the May 3, 2011 meeting. Ed Cawley seconded the motion. Motion passed by a 5 – 0 roll call vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Election of Officers.**

Chad Oberdoerster was nominated to serve as Chair of the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission. He accepted the nomination. Motion passed by a 5 – 0 roll call vote.

Ed Cawley was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair of the Commission. He accepted the nomination. Motion passed by a 5 – 0 roll call vote.

**ITEMS FROM STAFF.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Plastic Bag Update.**

Paul Schultz gave a brief update regarding the progress of the Plastic Bag Task Force. He told the Commission that the task force had invited grocers, retailers and other interested groups to four meetings. He told Commissioners that the task force would like this to be a grassroots effort by the community rather than that the City just passing an ordinance.

A discussion took place about the pros and cons on the proposed approach. Some Commissioners felt more emphasis should be placed on education first. Paul explained the process and progression of education, goal targets, monitoring, metrics and incentives/disincentives being considered in the plan requested by the City Council. He stated that the DMASWA might support a related waste minimization education program, but it would be best if citizen groups approached the DMASWA for financial assistance.

**2. Deer Program Recommendation.**

Mike Buelow moved to approve the 2011-2012 Deer Management Program as presented by staff. Chad Oberdoerster seconded the motion. Motion passed by a 5 – 0 roll call vote.

**CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:**

Chris Johnson will forward a copy of the original car wash letter to the City Council to the Commissioners. Deron Muehring will be invited to May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to clarify the car wash policy.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Plastic bag ban task force update. Car wash policy. Glass Recycling.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

May 3, 2011.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mike Buelow moved to adjourn the meeting. Ed Cawley seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote at 6:05 p.m.

MRC/cj