

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION
MAY 1, 2012
5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL ANNEX, 1300 MAIN, CONFERENCE ROOM # 1

Chad Oberdoerster called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chad Oberdoerster, Julie Beck, Stacy Splittstoesser, Gayle Walter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Buelow, Aditi Sinha. One youth seat remains vacant

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

Mary Rose Corrigan completed the Certification of Compliance with the Iowa Open Meetings Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Stacy moved to approve the Minutes of the January 3 and April 3, 2012 meetings. Gayle Walter seconded the motion. There were no changes and the Motion was approved with a 4 – 0 roll call vote.

TEST AGENDA:

Julie Beck moved to approve the agenda as published. Stacy Splittstoesser seconded the motion. There were no changes and the agenda was approved by a 4 – 0 roll call vote.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:

OLD BUSINESS:

Chad Oberdoerster administered the Oath of Office to new Commissioner Julie Beck.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Youth Representation on the Commission.

After discussing options for the youth position, it was agreed to give the local schools and colleges one more try at recruitment now and in early fall. If that doesn't result in any applications, the Commission will revisit this issue in October, with possibly drafting a revision to the Ordinance.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Plastic Bag Update.

Mary Rose Corrigan updated the Commission on the City's proposal to withdraw the recommendation for a plastic bag usage reporting ordinance. After discussion, Gayle moved to send a letter of reaffirmation and clarification to the City Council regarding the Commission's recommendation and stance on the retail plastic bag reduction plan. Julie seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 roll call vote.

2. Sustainable Dubuque Collaboration.

Mary Rose Corrigan reviewed Sustainability Coordinator Cori Burbach's report.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: No items from the public.

CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:

Mary Rose Corrigan will send ESAC members a youth commissioner recruitment template letter, the ordinance and applications. Chad Oberdoerster will draft a letter to City Council regarding the plastic bag issue.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Plastic bag update, Sustainable Dubuque Collaboration, Youth representation on Commission.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

June 5, 2012

ADJOURNMENT:

Gayle Walter moved to adjourn the meeting. Stacy Splittstoesser seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a 4-0 roll call vote at 5:47 p.m.

MRC/cj