

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 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, Mike Buelow, Aditi Sinha

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 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:**

Mike Buelow moved to approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2012 meetings. Julie Beck seconded the motion. There were no changes and the Motion was approved with a 6 – 0 roll call vote.

**TEST AGENDA:**

Mike Buelow moved to approve the agenda as published. Aditi Sinha seconded the motion. There were no changes and the agenda was approved by a 6 – 0 roll call vote.

**ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Youth Representation.**

Julie Beck and Aditi Sinha will contact students at Clarke University for potential memberships, as will Gayle Walter at the University of Dubuque.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commission discussed future agenda items, including input into dog parks, more waste receptacles throughout town, traffic light synchronization and Sustainable Dubuque collaboration.

The Commission discussed the Park Commission's recommendation on potentially allowing dogs in the parks and the concern of dog waste as it relates to the environment and the stormwater issue. After discussion, it was agreed that Stacy will draft a letter to the Park Commission requesting the issue of dog waste be considered in their recommendation to City Council, etc. Stacy will let Commissioners determine if they want to send the letter individually or as a Commission.

**ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Plastic Bag Update.**

Mary Rose discussed the education and outreach occurring with the plastic bag usage reduction, and distributed BYOB decals. Anyone know of a business that would like to get

involved in the community-wide and business-wide education on plastic bags, let Mary Rose know.

**2. Update on the Water Treatment Plant.**

Jon Brown gave an update on the Water Treatment Plant construction.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:** No items from the public.

**CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:**

Mary Rose will send Caradco/Millwork ribbon cutting invitation to the Commissioners. Mary Rose will research when the next Park Commission meeting is and who the Chair is to include in Stacy's letter. Mary Rose will send the Commission application to all ESAC members for youth recruiting. Mary Rose will check on the availability for educational materials for plastic bags.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Sustainable Dubuque Collaboration – Cori Burbach, City traffic center tour, Park Commission letter.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

October 2, 2012

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mike Buelow moved to adjourn the meeting. Stacy Splittstoesser seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a 6-0 roll call vote at 5:55 p.m.

MRC/cj