

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2013**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL ANNEX, CONFERENCE ROOM 1, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, 1300 MAIN ST**

Chad Oberdoerster called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chad Oberdoerster, Michael Buelow, Julie Beck, David Koch, Aditi Sinha, Stacy Splittstoesser

**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:**

The January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Minutes should read that the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM. With that change, Minutes were approved as printed.

**TEST AGENDA:**

Chad Oberdoerster requested TIF Policy to be added to the agenda. With that change, Mike Buelow moved to approve the agenda. Stacy Splittstoesser seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 6-0 roll call vote.

**ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chad Oberdoerster reminded the Commission that we had discussed tax increment financing (TIF) and its relationship with sustainability and sustainable practices. Should the City require certain sustainable practices of businesses before TIF is issued? At an earlier meeting, Mary Rose Corrigan had provided information regarding the City's policy on TIF. The City basically uses TIF's to create jobs or create affordable housing. Mary Rose Corrigan will provide City staff expertise regarding TIF in order to address the Commission's concerns and possibly make a recommendation to City Council.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Youth representation. Mary Rose Corrigan presented draft ordinance change to allow for more flexibility in recruiting and retaining youth membership for the Commission. Mike Buelow moved to approve the ordinance change and forward to City Council for approval. Aditi Sinha seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was approved with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Plastic bag update. Mary Rose Corrigan stated that the training video for retail store clerks is almost completed. The Commission would like more information regarding progress on the Plastic Bag Issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No items from the public.

**CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:**

Mary Rose Corrigan will investigate further TIF expertise and information. Mary Rose Corrigan will forward the Greater Dubuque Development Corporation reports to the City Council.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Sustainable Dubuque Collaboration Report, Car Wash Progress Report, TIF, Plastic Bag Report.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

March 5, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Julie Beck moved to adjourn the meeting, Aditi Sinha seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.