

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION

MAY 7, 2013

5:00 P.M.

CITY HALL ANNEX, CONFERENCE ROOM 1, 1ST 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: One youth seat remains vacant and one regular 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:

It was moved by Mike Buelow to approve the February 5, 2013 Minutes. David Koch seconded the motion. There were no changes to the minutes and the minutes were approved by roll call vote as distributed.

TEST AGENDA:

There are no changes to the Agenda distributed.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business items.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Assistant Community Economic Development Director Phil Wagner was present to explain TIF in Iowa and Dubuque guidelines. Phil explained how Dubuque uses TIF for job creation and rehabilitation or increase in affordable housing units. Although the city does not have a written TIF policy, it is used in conjunction with different funding streams for projects that create job and housing. Some sustainability components are currently in use through TIF in Dubuque. For example, TIF can only be used for existing buildings and/or adaptive reuse. The creation of a minimum of 10 jobs is usually the baseline.

Chad Oberdoerster pointed out that the City of Chicago spells out their parameters of TIF and it is readily available. Phil explained that economic development relies heavily on TIF and a lot of the Dubuque successes in the past 20 years have utilized TIF. The

schools in the county have been great partners in utilizing TIF. Some communities have misused TIF and it is being scrutinized by the legislature.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

OLD BUSINESS:

Jon Brown reported that the Water Resource and Recovery Plant will be complete by July 2013 with final completion of all items by February 2014. The City Council approved the purchase and approval of three (3) micro-turbines which allows the plant to generate almost all of the electricity used. The payback will be approximately nine (9) years. The bio-solids meet Class 1 Standards.

Don Vogt reported that the solid waste agency is doing some planning.

NEW BUSINESS:

2013-2014 Urban Deer Management Plan. Mike Buelow moved to approve the Urban Deer Management Plan as distributed. Julie Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by a 5-0 roll call vote.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No items from the public.

CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:

Mary Rose Corrigan will work the City Clerk's Office for recruitment of young professionals and the other open position on the Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Sustainability/Economic Development Incentives/Tools, Sustainable Dubuque Collaboration Report.

Review City Council Goals and Priorities.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

June 4, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Julie Beck moved to adjourn the meeting, Aditi Sinha seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.