

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 3, 2013
5:00 P.M.**

CITY HALL ANNEX, CONFERENCE ROOM 1, 1ST FLOOR, 1300 MAIN ST

Mike Buelow called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chad Oberdoerster, Michael Buelow, David Koch, Julie Beck, Jacob Bergum, Kyle Leytem

MEMBERS ABSENT: Aditi Sinha

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved by Julie Beck to approve the November 5, 2013 Minutes. Jacob Bergum seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved by a roll-call vote as distributed.

TEST AGENDA:

Mike Buelow requested adding the City Council fracking issue referral under New Business from the Commission. Chad Oberdoerster moved to approve the agenda. David Koch seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by a roll-call vote.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:

NEW BUSINESS:

Swearing in of new Commissioners. Julie Beck swore in Mike Buelow. After his swearing in, Mike Buelow conducted the swearing in for Kyle Leytem and Jacob Bergum, and Chad Oberdoerster.

City Council Hydraulic Fracturing Information Referral

Mary Rose Corrigan played the recording of the City Council meeting where City Council requested the Commission provide balanced, factual information on fracking to the City Council so that they could have it for future decisions, including budget decisions. Mary Rose explained that the information provided to Council should be objective and factual, based on the request. The Commission should also seek public input regarding the information they gather to see if the public has additional information for the City Council to consider. Chad Oberdoerster commented that he thought the Commission actually wanted information on whether the City should utilize compressed natural gas or purchase vehicles using compressed natural gas, rather than just factual information. Commission and staff discussion followed. Chad Oberdoerster will clarify what information the City Council wants with Council Member Braig.

All Commissioners will research hydraulic fracturing and provide on a web-based site, to be determined. Commissioners should post their research by December 27, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission Goals

The Commission discussed the distributed draft of Goals & Priorities for the next 18 months. Mary Rose Corrigan will make the suggested changes and redistribute to the Commission for approval at the next meeting.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

OLD BUSINESS:

Sustainable Dubuque Collaborative

Cori Burbach, Sustainability Coordinator explained Sustainable Dubuque Collaborative and presented updated information on their goals and future plans. Commissioner Julie Beck is involved in the City's Sustainability Grants process.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No items from the public.

CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:

Mary Rose Corrigan will update the draft Strategic Plan/Goal Setting for next meeting. Commissioners will research hydraulic fracturing and provide information on a website to be determined by December 27, 2013. Mary Rose Corrigan will compile this information to distribute to Commissioners prior to the January 7, 2014 meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ESAC Strategic Plan/Goal Setting

By-Laws Update

Swearing in of Aditi Sinha

Economic Development Incentives for Sustainability Initiatives (Draft City Council Letter)

Update on NPDES Report

Storm Water Management Update

NEXT MEETING DATE:

January 7, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Julie Beck moved to adjourn the meeting. David Koch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous roll-call vote at 6:35 PM.