

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION

March 4, 2014

5:00 P.M.

City Hall Annex, 1300 Main St, Conference Room I

Mike Buelow called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: No members absent.

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

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 February 4, 2014 Minutes. Aditi Sinha seconded the motion. Two typos were corrected and the minutes were approved with the corrections by a 7-0 roll call vote.

TEST AGENDA:

There were no changes to the agenda.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:

OLD BUSINESS:

Chair Person Buelow thanked all Commissioners and staff for a great job in producing and presenting the Hydraulic Fracturing Report to City Council. All agreed it was a job well done.

ESAC Strategic Plan/Goal Setting

Draft goals were distributed, discussed, and some changes were recommended. These changes will be incorporated and the document will be redistributed for the next commission meeting.

By-Law Changes

Mary Rose Corrigan explained that the City's Legal Department is updating all the Commission ordinances in order to make them consistent. Many of the items noted in our by-laws will now be part of the ordinance. The Legal Department has advised that anything in the ordinance does not need to be in the by-laws. Therefore, after the revised ordinance is passed with the City Council, the Commission can develop some internal organizational rules, which will supplement the ordinance.

Economic Development Incentives for Sustainability Initiatives

Mary Rose Corrigan commented that Sustainability Coordinator, Cori Burbach, wanted to report that she is working with Greater Dubuque Development Corporation on a list of

development incentives for sustainability. She has researched ideas from Des Moines and can report on them at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

OLD BUSINESS:

Mary Rose Corrigan explained that she will be bringing the updated Deer Management plan to the next meeting. The Commission expressed they would also like a report on how the plastic bag reduction project is going. Mary Rose explained that staff will be creating tool kits for retailers and a voluntary system for tracking plastic bag use/reduction.

NEW BUSINESS:

None new business.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No items from the public.

CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:

Mary Rose Corrigan will re-draft ESAC Strategic Plans/Goals.
-Redistribute Plastic Bag Reduction targets.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Strategic plan/Goals, Economic Development set as incentives for Sustainability, plastic bag reduction update, Deer Management plan.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Since Mary Rose Corrigan will not be available on April 1, the next meeting date will be April 8, 2014 at 5:00 PM. City Hall Annex, 1300 Main St. A new member orientation will be held at 4:30 PM that day for Jacob Bergum, Kyle Leytem, and anyone else that would like to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jacob Bergum moved to adjourn the meeting. Kyle Leytem seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous roll-call vote at 5:45 PM.