

# **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**April 8, 2014**

**5:00 P.M.**

**City Hall Annex, 1300 Main St, Conference Room I**

David Koch called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM, in the absence of the Chair and Vice-chair.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Buelow and Aditi Sinha.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mary Rose Corrigan, Don Vogt

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was moved by Jacob Bergum to approve the March 4, 2014 Minutes. Chad Oberdoerster seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

## **TEST AGENDA:**

Economic development incentives for sustainable practices was added to the agenda.

## **ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

ESAC Strategic Plan/Goal Setting

The draft distributed was discussed. Chad Oberdoerster moved to approve the ESAC Goals and Priorities, Jacob Bergum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote. Mary Rose will put on City Council agenda for approval.

The Commission requested Mary Rose to send out the first annual report the ESAC wrote for the City Council.

Economic Development Incentives for Sustainability Initiatives

David Koch had distributed a draft letter for the City Council regarding the Sustainable Initiatives/Economic Development Incentives. It was agreed that the Commissioners need to research communities the size of Dubuque to see what they are doing in this area to give as examples in the letter to the City Council. David asked Commissioners to review the draft letter and send comments back to him so that he can redraft prior to the May ESAC meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

**ITEMS FROM STAFF:****OLD BUSINESS:**

Deer Management Plan.

Mary Rose Corrigan presented the 2014-15 Urban Deer Management Plan with the only changes being in any sex incentive portion. The Commission reviewed the changes and discussed that they would be positive to the program. Julie Beck motioned to approve 2014-2015 Urban Deer Management Plan as presented. Kyle Leytem seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 roll call vote.

**Plastic Bag Reduction Programs**

Mary Rose Corrigan reviewed the target reductions as presented in the City Council plastic bag reduction memo from June 29, 2011. The Commission suggested instead of trying to get actual numbers from retailers to establish a baseline and then future measurements, perhaps retailers could report the percentage change in the number of bags purchased/used. This is also a strategy that staff has discussed. Incentives for the stores, especially for reducing the number of bags used, would be City decals for windows, etc. Mary Rose Corrigan will continue to work with Sustainability Coordinator Cori Burbach on this program.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None new business.

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No items from the public.

**CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:**

Mary Rose Corrigan will draft a cover letter from the ESAC to the City Council with their strategic planning and goals.

David Koch will modify the draft incentives for sustainability initiatives letter to City Council. All Commissioners should send David comments and information.

Mary Rose Corrigan will send the original ESAC annual report to Commissioners.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Strategic plan/Goals, Economic Development set as incentives for Sustainability Initiatives letter, annual report. Plastic bag reduction update will occur every other month.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next meeting date will be May 6, 2014 at 5:00 PM. City Hall Annex, 1300 Main St.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

David Koch adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM.