

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION

November 4, 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chad Oberdoerster, David Koch, Michael Buelow, Aditi Sinha, Kyle Leytem, Lalith Jayawickrama

PUBLIC PRESENT: Raki Giannakouros, Charles Winterwood, Paul Schultz, and Jason Schatz

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Rose Corrigan and Don Vogt

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 October 7, 2014 Minutes. Chad Oberdoerster seconded the motion. The minutes were corrected by inserting 5-0 vote on all of the votes. With those changes, the minutes were approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

TEST AGENDA:

Mary Rose stated that Air Quality is actually a staff agenda item.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Plastic Bag Update

Mary Rose Corrigan and Chad Oberdoerster reviewed the discussion from the City Council meeting on October 20, 2014 and encouraged commissioners to view the meeting at <http://www.cityofdubuque.org/446/Video>. Council requested staff continue discussion what the retailers and work on progress, etc. Council also requested ESAC provide them with updated information on plastic bag reduction in other communities.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Air Quality Update

Commissioners reviewed the draft Path Forward plan for the EPA PM Advance program. Commissioners commented that the plan lacked opportunities for public education, public input, and is also not linked with any current data on air quality.

Comments from the public on air quality included a need for metrics and more data, along with community representation and input.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Public members present commented on the Path Forward. The following themes were discussed:

- The plan needs metrics and data, along with a consideration for local monitoring and community input.
- The plan has no mention of health effects
- General need for more detail

CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:

Chad Oberdoerster will initiate e-mail for gathering current plastic bag information. Commissioners should respond by November 18 to Chad and Mary Rose who will compile information for ESAC review prior to submitting to City Council. Plastic bags will be discussed at the December 1 quarterly Sustainable Dubuque Work Session at 5 PM.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Plastic bag initiative

Air Quality Update

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date will be December 2, 2014 at 5:00 PM. City Hall Annex, 1300 Main St.

ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Buelow moved to adjourn the meeting. Chad Oberdoerster seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.