

Environmental Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2024

1. Call to order @ 7:05pm
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Moved: _____, Supported _____; approved unanimously
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Moved: Bosack, Supported: Komolo; approved unanimously
4. Public Comment
 - a. Chuck Altman – discussed community composting pilot, likes that it's on a bus route and has low barriers to access; appreciative of Angela Fox's efforts
 - b. Ken Long – representative of YIMBY Action Oakland County and the org's efforts to promote sustainable, attainable housing, and offered assistance to the boards/city's related efforts
5. New Business
 - a. Attendance Policy
 - i. Director Filipski restated the city's board/commission attendance policy
 - b. Strategic Planning – SCAP Goals
 - i. Member Lyons-Bricker described the SCAP development and approval process to new members and the public; described metrics, etc.
 - ii. Chair Gontina and Commissioner Herzog provided additional comments; member Slesak discussed DTE and other incentives that the city/board should work to make residents aware
 - iii. Chair Gontina highlighted some in-process tasks related to SCAP and commented on tree data sharing; requested DPS to provide; discussed county Rain Smart program, city EV implementation and facilitated discussion about board goals and the concept of event promoters being required to follow sustainability guidelines
 - c. Mobility/Biking – Tom Regan
 - i. Commissioner Herzog – discussed mobility as one of her concerns as commissioner, discussed efforts of members Regan, Vial and others related to the non-motorized plan, which continues to be discussed among city commissioners
 - d. St. Patrick's Day Parade
 - i. Chair Gontina noted March 16, Noon-1:30pm, EAB will be participating, requested board member attendance

6. Director of Public Services and Recreation Report – Aaron Filipski
 - a. Director Filipski provided a brief update on the spring tree restoration program, and advised that due to a new SOCRRA/SOCWA general manager, the idea of hosting an EAB meeting at the SOCRRA Material Recovery Facility is being shelved until the new manger is more established.
7. Sustainability Manager Report – Angela Fox
 - a. Reviewed upcoming programs and activities – March 16 Seed Share, 1st food waste reduction pilot at farmer’s market collected 64 gallons, March 18 informational session for restaurant waste reduction
 - b. Discussed composting ordinance revisions she’s working on – requested that comments and suggestions be emailed to her; mentioned no-mow May authorization to be presented to commission; Commissioner Herzog suggested making a compost ‘how-to’ guide; working on metrics dashboard and solicited feedback; noted a planned RFP for building energy audits; updated EV charger RFP/implementation plan
8. City Commissioner Report – Dr. Herzog
 - a. Advised of the RO Democratic Club hosting GLWA talk regarding water on March 20; turtle woods preserve initiative; CC approved America in Bloom grant for pollinator habitats, 5th street pedestrian plaza which will include green space
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. Updates/Discussion
 - i. Member Bosack reported that he and Member Chase have been working on developing social media, requested space on future agendas to provide updates
 - b. Compost Crew
 - i. Member Benzinger discussed composting initiatives with the school district
 - c. Earth Day 2024
 - i. Chair Gontina reported that Earth Day event will be April 20, 2024; theme will be “vote like the world depends on it”; flyer to be published soon
 - d. Chris Hartwig Acknowledgement
 - i. Chair Gontina discussed commission recognition of former member Chris Hartwig
 - e. Motion to approve spending up to \$2k from outreach account for Earth Day
 - i. Moved: Lynn’s-Bricker, Support: Zoe Chase; approved unanimously
10. Non-Action Items

- a. SOCRRA Refuse/Recycling Tonnage Report – Jan 2024
 - i. Member Chase requested getting these reports more timely so that she can include in social media updates
- b. Lead and Copper Monitoring Results – June 1 through September 30, 2023

11. Important Dates

- a. Next Meeting March 27, 2024

12. Motion to adjourn by: Zoe Chase, Support: Brock; approved unanimously

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

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