

City of Dunedin Committee on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
Water Plant, 1401 CR 1
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019

Call to Order: 7:34 a.m. Debby Sheldon, Chair

Attendance:

Members Present: Alan Brand, Debby Sheldon, Mary Schoonover, Pat Blizzard, Jeffric Gazlay, Hegge Hillested, Tiffini Schwarzkopf, Charu Leininger, David Adams

Absent Members: Phillip Brown

City Staff Present: Natalie Henley

City Council Members: Jeff Gow

Visitors: Howard Gray, Demmi Schwarzkopf, Jeremy Charles Reynolds, Laurie Beaty, Vicki Love, Cyndi Raskin Schmitt, Tracy Love Tippin, David King

Approval of Minutes: Jan. 29, 2019 minutes approved with the the following change: under Sustainability Coordinator Natalie Henley's report first paragraph third activity should read: Florida Green Building Recertification extension until May (not fourth item- Duke Park & Plug EV Charging Stations).

Unfinished Business

Ready for 100- Natalie reported that City of Dunedin will form a task force to guide implementation of Ready for 100%. CEQ representative will be Alan Brand. Alan reported that the Sierra Club in conjunction with Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and League of Women Voters have formed the Pinellas Future Energy Options Committee. Natalie made note of the date and will attend to represent the city. Alan pledged to send an email to Natalie and city staff every day to present Ready for 100% information.

Plastics- Jeffric produced handouts (#2 A & B) CEQ members will read and come prepared to discuss at March meeting.

Ord 105-28.3.4 update- Natalie will research and present an update at March meeting.

EV Duke Energy Program- Discussion of city proposed EV recharging sites included the city's requirement for sites be city owned property for liability reasons. Natalie reported that Peter King (Duke Energy) says there are no more level chargers available. Debby strongly advocated for Level II chargers be located where city employees can take advantage during work hours.

Environmental Advocate Award Re-vamp- Pat and Mary will lead this subcommittee. It was suggested that there be two categories (a) educational and (b) business. Discussion will continue at March meeting.

Commission Workshop USF Report- A discussion about a work at home job initiative to be discussed next meeting.

New Business

Blue Jays Stadium and Practice Center- Natalie reported that the building projects are over budget and solar possibilities did not appear to be in consideration. Alan disagreed with a reported \$4.9 million estimate for solar at the practice center and \$2 million at the stadium. He estimated that for \$4.9 million a solar system could provide 150 residents with net zero energy. Commissioner Gow is planning to meet with the city manager to discuss how the proposal was generated. This agenda item will appear on the March CEQ agenda as unfinished business.

Year End Report 2018 and 2019 Work Plan- Debby is working on it currently and based on the committee's discussion will split out the Blue Jays as a separate section.

Reports from other City of Dunedin Advisory Committees/Orgs.

Coastal Causeway and Waterways- Jeffric reported that new benches on the causeway require new city trash cans. Audubon Society is concerned that concrete pads for the benches are placed in no trespass zones (for bird habitat preservation).

Friends of the Hammock- Hegge announced programs at Sea Sea Riders on March 12th and guided tours by an arborist and butterfly expert on March 30th. He discussed the need for more volunteers to manually remove invasive species in the Hammock as an alternative to herbicide application. Natalie reported that an educational presentation and discussion about glycosides is scheduled during the April 16th City Commission Work Session starting at 9 a.m. at City Hall.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings: 7:30- 8:30 a.m. Water Plant, 1401 CR#1,
last Tuesday of the month (with exceptions)

Next Meetings:

Mar. 26, 2019	May 28, 2019	July 30, 2019	Oct. 29, 2019
Apr. 30, 2019	June 25, 2019	Sept. 24, 2019	Dec. 3, 2019

Meeting minutes submitted by Mary Schoonover, Secretary