

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

Call to Order: 7:35 a.m. Debby Sheldon, Chair

Attendance:

Members Present: Debby Sheldon, Mary Schoonover, Pat Blizzard, Laurie Beaty, Hegge Hillestad, Tiffini Schwarzkopf, Alan Brand, Phillip Brown, Jeffric Gazlay, Charu Leininger, David Adams, Vicki Love

Absent Members: Jeremy Reynolds

City Staff: Natalie Henley

Visitors: Ray Bouchard, Tracy Love Tippin, Howard Gray, Demmi Schwarzkopf, David King

Approval of Minutes: Feb. 26, 2019 meeting minutes approved.

Unfinished Business

Environmental Advocate Award Re-vamp: Pat reported that the business award will be retained but we will not be compelled to award depending on the quality of applicants. Discussion included desire to grant a monetary award to a Dunedin school class (grade 1-6) who CEQ determines submits the best environmental project. The subcommittee will meet immediately after the general meeting today.

2018 Year End Report: Debby handed out the draft report (Handout #1) Committee moved and approved the report subject to Pat's editing.

Plastics: This agenda item will be moved to the Apr. 30 meeting, Jeffric will present.

Ready for 100%: Discussion revolved around plans for the new city hall, municipal services center and parking garage. David Adams reported on a proposed Duke Energy 1000 acre solar farm and how Dunedin should indicate the city's intention to become an inaugural customer for this renewable energy. Alan reminded the committee that he has a solar talk scheduled for Sat., Mar. 30th at 10 a.m. at the library. He reported that Fl. Senate Bill 1156 is being introduced by Sen. Susan Berman-Delray dealing with Community Solar. Natalie is scheduled to meet with Lael Giebel and the City's Ready for 100% committee soon; Natalie will give an update next meeting.

Ord. 105-28.3.4 : Natalie will notify us by email on the progress of this green building initiative.

EV Duke Energy Program: Natalie has resubmitted our application but the sites have remained the same. This will be an agenda item at a City Commission workshop, Tues. Apr. 2nd, 9 a.m., City Hall. She is also tasked with preparing a map of charging stations and committee requested that signs and map reflect public vs private charging stations.

Blue Jays Stadium and Practice Center: Alan discussed the price estimate extrapolated from the USF study and deemed it not to be an engineering analysis and therefore not a valid reflection of return on investment. As the Blue Jays organization will pay 100% of the power bill it would be instructive for Alan to provide his expertise going forward. Since the stadium is judged to be a low power user it may be more valuable for the Blue Jays to consider retrofitting the practice facility to get net metering before it disappears thus allowing them to sell back solar power generated year round.

New Business

Work At Home: Jeremy Reynolds absent. Agenda item postponed.

Mission Blue: Vicki Love (Hays) presented three pages (HO #2) explaining Hope Spots part of Mission Blue, a marine environmental initiative fostered by Dr. Sylvia Earle, a world famous marine biologist who grew up in Dunedin. Guest, Ray Bouchard is nominating the Florida Gulf Coast waters (from Key West to Alabama) as a Hope Spot. This will include all waters from coastline to 12 miles offshore. Dunedin is being solicited as a partner in this coastal conservation effort. CEQ needs more information and Ray Bouchard will work through Natalie to provide the details as an agenda item at a future meeting.

Reports from Other City of Dunedin Advisory Committees/Orgs.

Coastal Causeway and Waterways: Jeffric had nothing to report.

Friends of the Hammock: Hegge reminded members of the Hammock Spring Fling, Sat. Mar. 30th at 9 a.m.

Report from City Staff: Natalie announced that the Apr.16th glycosate presentation had been cancelled.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 a.m.

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

Next Meetings:

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

(note: no Aug. or Nov. meeting)

Meeting minutes submitted by Mary Schoonover, Secretary