

City of Dunedin Committee on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
Water Plant, 1401 CR 1
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Call to Order: 7:30 a.m. Debby Sheldon, Chair

Attendance:

Members Present: Alan Brand, Debby Sheldon, Mary Schoonover, Pat Blizzard, Jeffric Gazlay, Tiffini Schwarzkopf, Phillip O'Neil, Charu Leininger, Jeremy Reynolds, Vicki Love, Laurie Beaty, David Adams

Members Absent: Hegge Hillestad

City Staff: Natalie Henley, Sustainability Coordinator

Visitors: Howard Gray, David King, Demmi Schwarzkopf

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

* Chair, Debby Sheldon will leave the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Vice Chair, Pat Blizzard will conduct the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Environmental Advocate Award Re-vamp: Pat reported that the award subcommittee would hold focus groups of Dunedin teachers and principals during preschool time (Aug.) to gauge their interest. Laurie suggested that the award be sponsored by the City of Dunedin. Natalie reported that she went to a principals meeting and they welcomed the idea. She also cautioned that commercial recycling has become cost prohibitive and therefore students applying for grant projects need to be aware in order to base their efforts focus on re-use and re-purposing rather than recycling. The summer will be spent planning the award structure and schedule.

Plastics: Jeffric read from a statement that was provided by email via Debby dated 4/30/19 entitled "Enough Talk, Time for Action!" Jeremy made a motion that "CEQ should call for a ban on single use plastics in Dunedin." Motion was seconded by Laurie. Discussion included businesses charging for plastic bags, more information to guide city council, recognition that the state legislature has a bill pending to preempt municipalities' ability to create local bans, and the need for public education efforts.

The motion was then amended by Jeremy to read: "The CEQ will advise Dunedin City Council to direct the City Manager and City Staff to create a plan transitioning away from single use, non-recyclable plastics." Motion was unanimously passed and Jeremy was assigned to write a draft letter via Debby.

* Agenda was amended to move up **discussion of the Tour of the St. Pete Police Dept. Solar Install.** Natalie announced that the tour will occur at 11:30 a.m., Friday, May 3rd. A van (seating 15 passengers) will be leaving the Dunedin Community Center at 10:30 a.m. The tour of the solar array on the parking garage will take 30-45 minutes, will not include lunch, water or bathrooms as the St. Pete Police Dept. is still moving into the new building. The tour will be led by Ward Friszoloski architect with Harvard Jolly whose firm planned the St. Pete project and has been chosen for Dunedin's new city hall, municipal services building and parking garage. Natalie

needs to hear from CEQ members who wish to attend by 12 noon Wed. May 1st, waivers will also be required to ride in the van. The reason for scheduling this tour so quickly is because the May 14th City Council meeting includes Phase I discussion of this project.

* At this time Vice Chair Pat Blizzard conducted the meeting.

Ready for 100%- Alan deferred this item.

Mission Blue- Vicki reported that on June 3rd an application will be filed to Mission Blue nominating the Florida Gulf Coast as a Hope Spot. Today a meeting including City Manager Jennifer Bramley, City Commissioner Jeff Gow and Sustainability Coordinator Natalie Henley will take place on this subject. CEQ discussion included a request for Vicki to provide Mission Blue goals to Debby for distribution to committee members along with a Facebook group invitation. Jeremy offered use of a venue which would seat 500 people.

New Business

Work at Home- Jeremy provided H.O.#1 (5 pgs.) Pg. 3 outlined five recommendations which included a business grant with annual funding, hosting an annual small business development conference, providing focused business incubator activities, and the goal of creating 500 jobs annually. Jeremy made a motion to adopt the five recommendations, it was seconded by Jeffric and discussion included: limiting the motion to Recommendation (a) "The City should establish a policy significantly increasing home-based service businesses." Other input led to Pat making a motion to table the motion until the May 28th meeting, it was seconded and passed.

Reports from Other City of Dunedin Advisory Committees/Orgs.

Coastal Causeway and Waterways: Among Jeffric's report were these items: the third tollbooth at Honeymoon Island State Park was not funded, the sea grass protection being balanced between recreational activities and preservation and the recognition that regulation of motorized vessels involves many agencies.

Friends of the Hammock: It was suggested that CEQ organize a field trip for next year's Hammock Spring Fling and to include discussion of this at our May CEQ meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:32 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings: 7:30-8:30 a.m., Water Plant, 1401 CR1 (last Tues. of each month with exceptions.

Next Meetings:

June 25, 2019	No Aug. meeting	Oct. 29, 2019	Dec. 3, 2019
July 30, 2019	Sept. 24, 2019	No Nov. meeting	

Meeting minutes submitted by Mary Schoonover, Secretary