

City of Dunedin Committee on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
Dunedin Library
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Call to Order: 7:32 a.m. Debby Sheldon, Chair

Attendance:

Members Present: Alan Brand, Debby Sheldon, Mary Schoonover, Pat Blizzard Hegge Hillestad, Tiffini Schwarzkopf, Charu Leininger, Vicki Love, Laurie Beaty.

Members Absent: Jeffric Gazlay, Phillip O'Neil, Jeremy Reynolds, David Adams

City Staff: Natalie Henley absent

Visitors: Dunedin City Commissioner Jeff Gow, David King, Howard Gray, Demi Schwarzkopf.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of June 25, 2019 meeting approved.

Unfinished Business:

Ready for 100 & Solar Ordinance 19-19- Alan/Vicki- Alan produced a spread sheet showing the financial implications for the solar power portion of the new city hall project. This cost analysis model will be made available to city staff and city commissioners in preparation for the Aug. 22nd City Commission meeting. Alan and Mary will represent CEQ at that meeting.

Plastics-Jeffric- deferred to Sept. meeting.

Environmental Award Revamp- Pat- 1st Annual Dunedin Green Scene School Challenge (Handout #1) was distributed to CEQ members and reviewed for their input. Motion to support this initiative was made by Mary, seconded by Vicki and unanimously passed by CEQ.

Comprehensive Plan Update- send input to Natalie.

New Business:

none

Reports from other City of Dunedin Advisory Com./Orgs.

Coastal Causeway and Waterway-Jeffric- no report

Friends of the Hammock- Hegge- There are opportunities for residents to volunteer for ongoing monitoring and data collection in support of Dunedin's Hammock Park. Interested individuals can go to the Friends of the Hammock webpage or Facebook site. Volunteers can receive training to participate in gopher tortoise census, air potato control, water quality measurements. Pat suggested that CEQ through Sustainability

Coordinator, Natalie Henley include these service learning opportunities when she presents our Environmental Award to Pinellas County principals in August.

Additional Discussion:

Deb highlighted a newspaper article about a laser light show which took place July 3rd at Highlander Park. We discussed how laser lights and choreographed music could provide an additional way to celebrate traditional patriotic holidays. Members discussed how laser lights provide a colorful alternative to traditional fireworks displays and eliminate the smoke pollution. Loud noise which can serve as a trigger for PTSD victims, children and pets and wildlife in general. was mentioned. Accidents resulting from faulty detonation and the inherent danger in the manufacture of pyrotechnic devices were discussed. Motion was made by Vicki and seconded by Pat to write a letter to city commission supporting laser light/musical events in the future. Mary will write a draft, Pat and David King with provide technical assistance. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings: 7:30 a.m-8:30 a.m. CEQ meetings will be held at the Dunedin Public Library, 223 Douglas Ave. until further notice. Meetings occur the last Tuesday of the month with exceptions.

No August meeting
Sept. 24, 2019
Oct. 29, 2019
No Nov. meeting
Dec. 3, 2019

Minutes submitted by secretary, Mary Schoonover