

City of Dunedin Committee on Environmental Quality (CEQ)  
Dunedin Library  
**Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019**

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

**Attendance:**

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

**Members Absent:** Patricia Blizzard, Phillip O'Neil, Jeremy Reynolds, Jeffric Gazlay (resigned)

**City Staff Liaison:** Natalie Henley

**Other City Staff:** Terry Trudel (Parks & Rec.), Doug Hutchens (Dep. City Manager), Bob Ironsmith, Vince Gizzi (Parks & Rec.), Francis Sharp

**Visitors:** Demmi Schwarzkopf, Trevor Davis (CRA), Tracy Love Tippen, Zeke Durica (Marina Advisory Board), Dunedin City Commissioner Jeff Gow, David Ring, Howard Gray, Amy Weber (VP Harvard Jolly), Ward Friszolowski (Pres. Harvard Jolly)

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of Sept. 24, 2019 approved.

**Unfinished Business:**

Ready for 100-DREAM- Natalie explained how to sign up for Dream Team meeting planning using the email program Doodle.

Plastics- Since Jeffric has resigned a new leader for this initiative will be solicited at the Dec. 3rd CEQ meeting. We need more information from experts about micro plastic pollution to be discussed at future meetings.

Environmental Advocate Award- Natalie will reach out to Dunedin school principals to check on their faculty participation.

Draft letter in support of Laser Light Show- Content was approved by the committee; Tiffini will edit for brevity and send to Debby for distribution.

Solar Ord. 19-19- Passed by city commission. Discussion followed revolving around whether the new city hall and municipal services building will be built according to the mandate of Ord. 19-19 (NetZero construction using renewable green energy, solar, etc.) Doug Hutchins said the project had been budgeted

before passing the new ordinance and the construction engineers have yet to divulge how much solar the budgeted \$2 million will buy. CEQ members were disappointed and expressed willingness to provide input to the architects.

Comprehensive Plan- Frances Sharp solicited committee suggestions, deadline is the end of this week in order to be considered prior to the document being presented to city commission. Natalie will resend the draft via email to CEQ.

### **New Business:**

New Business: Bob Ironsmith showed slides of the proposed redesign of Pioneer Park. Foot traffic compacting the grass Nov. through June the twice weekly Friday and Saturday Market and the other city events held in the park is coupled with repairs to the stage and other enhancements. The Free Form Concept was viewed and discussed, questions answered with the CEQ supporting staff's recommendation that sod be used rather than artificial turf in the grassy areas. Suggestions from CEQ included: refill stations for personal water flasks, portable water tank for large city sponsored functions, and solar compactors for recycling. The project timetable is for the bandstand to begin this year with the completed project scheduled to be completed the following year. The Free Form Concept redesign of Pioneer Park will be presented to City Commission on Nov. 21, 2019 at City Hall.

Solar and Green Initiatives: Amy Weber (Harvard Jolly, Arch.) presented slides explaining the **Site Plan**. She highlighted handicapped accessibility, 4 electric vehicle charging stations in the garage with conduit being installed for electric charging expansion. The committee underlined the need for future recharging infrastructure to serve employee and fleet vehicles. Harvard Jolly has included increased floor to floor height on the first floor of the garage to accommodate fleet needs during storm events. There will be golf cart parking. It was stressed that our committee values the use of Florida Native plants for new landscaping rather than "Florida Friendly" plants which can merely survive but do not provide maximum food, perching and nesting opportunities for wildlife. The CEQ supports having Natalie get the city arborist, Andy White involved in guiding the choice of landscaping materials.

**Floor Plans** both interior and exterior were reviewed. CEQ members' priorities revolved around: energy efficiency (windows and overhangs which mitigated the year round sun intensity with resultant air conditioning needs; roof configurations which would support maximum solar energy generation; roof designs (shapes) which would best resist wind damage during storms events and those designs

which would be cost effective. After much discussion it was the consensus of CEQ members that designs #1, #2 and #7 met the requirements. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously passed to support designs #1, #2 and #7 with the current information which has been provided by the architects. Going forward one of our committee members, Alan Brand has created a technical and financial analysis of the solar components of this project. Doug Hutchens agreed that Alan make his analysis available to Harvard Jolly in the spirit of collaboration among city staff, elected officials and city residents serving on advisory committees and boards.

A City Commission workshop will be held, Monday, Nov. 4, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the single item of the proposed new City Hall Project. No votes will be taken but CEQ will be available to give their opinion during public comments.

CEQ vacancies: There are currently two vacancies. Interested residents should make application to the city for consideration.

Partnering with the Marina Advisory Board: Marina Board chairman, Zeke Durica discussed the potential for their board to partner with CEQ similar to the Coastal Causeway and Waterway and Friends of the Hammock. Zeek was encouraged to participate at the Dec. 3rd CEQ meeting to discuss this possibility.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 8:45 a.m.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Dec. 3, 2019 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Dunedin Public Library, 223 Douglas Ave. Last Tuesday of the month (w/exceptions)

**No Meeting in November**

minutes submitted by Secretary, Mary Schoonover