

City of Dunedin Committee on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
Dunedin Library
Meeting Minutes: Tues., Dec. 3, 2019

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

Attendance:

Members Present: Laurie Beaty, Pat Blizzard, Alan Brand, Charu Leininger, Vicki Love, Mary Schoonover, Debby Sheldon, Jeremy Reynolds

Members Absent: Hegge Hillestad, Phillip O'Neil, Tiffini Schwarzkopf

City Staff Liaison: Natalie Henley, City of Dunedin Sustainability Coordinator

Other City Staff: Whitney Marsh, Storm Water Dept.

Visitors: Tracy Love Tippin, Howard Gray

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of Oct. 29, 2019 approved

Amended Agenda: Under new business there will be a discussion led by Vicki Love regarding Gulf Coast Hope Spot.

Unfinished Business:

Ready for 100-Dream: Natalie highlighted the first DREAM (Dunedin Resilient Environ. Action Master Plan which took place 11/12/19 1:30 p.m., Kids Room Dunedin Com. Cent. (email #1) Email #2 contained the timeline which the DREAM subcommittee will follow with completion scheduled for May/June 2021. Natalie reminded CEQ members to list their availability for the second meeting using Doodle.

Plastics: postponed until Jan. 2020. There was a brief discussion re: NOAA(Nat. Oceanographic and Atmospheric Admin.) webinar containing new evidence supporting the hypothesis that the vast majority of micro plastics are produced by laundering clothing made of synthetic materials.

Environmental Advocate Award: Natalie reported that she followed up with 8 Dunedin schools on Mon. Dec. 2nd to insure teachers received information about the competition. Dunedin City Commission will recognize the winner at the Apr. 16th City Commission meeting. The business award is still a work in progress according to Pat Blizzard.

Draft Letter in support of Laser Light Shows: Tiffani was absent so there was no update.
Nov. 4th Commission Discussion on City Hall Plan recap: a discussion ensued by those committee members who attended the meeting.

Partnering with the Marina Advisory Board: Vicki reported on a conversation she had with Zeke Durica of the Marina Advisory Board. It was the consensus of the committee that the City Clerk will be contacted to explore recognition of a member of the Marina Advisory Board to be considered an official liaison to CEQ.

There was a discussion about planned city marina dredging and whether sea level rise had been considered when planning the next scheduled dredging project. It was posited that new NOAA data will be used to compile Dunedin's Stormwater Master Plan scheduled to be finalized in April 2020. A motion was made by Vicki and seconded by Mary that a letter be drafted advising the city commission to wait for the revised data before making the final decision to authorize submission of requests for proposals (RFPs) for the marina dredging project. There

were six votes in support of the motion and one no vote. The committee asked Vicki to draft a letter to be forwarded to Chairman Debby Sheldon.

New Business:

2020 Officer Nomination Committee: Pat will send a blank letter of intent to CEQ members by email. Those wishing to run for office of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will submit their completed forms to Pat for action at the next meeting.

2019-2020 Annual Report: Deb will write a first draft report via email and committee members are asked to make additions for discussion at the Jan. 28th meeting.

Annual Storm Water Report: Whitney Marsh presented this year's report. It included:

- Storm Water Master Plan final draft will be produced by Feb. 2020.
- A draft floodplain will incorporate FEMA data, evacuation routes, best management analysis, downtown regulation plan, vulnerable infrastructure.
- Honeymoon Causeway Bridge replacement is stalled at the county level
- City residents attended a presentation of the Curlew Creek Waterway Management Plan
- Community Rating System which determines flood insurance discounts for city provided flood mitigation is in review.
- A new CDS truck which works on stormwater drain maintenance has been purchased and the cab will include an educational wrap.
- A grant to fund storm projects has been obtained for state and federal requirements
- County grant monies will fund source tracking for pollutants. Discussion re: types of contaminants including fecal coliform bacteria and at the use of DNA markers.
- Environmental Trust Fund established using monies collected from code enforcement was explained.

Hope Spot Update: Vicki presented a Power Point slide show (See handout.

Potential 2020 speakers: Natalie will devise a list and committee members are encouraged to submit suggestions.

Reports from other Dunedin Advisory Committees/Orgs:

Friends of the Hammock: Hegge was absent, no report.

Coastal Causeway and Waterway: no report

Upcoming Meetings: 7:30 a.m., Dunedin Public Library, 223 Douglas Ave.
last Tuesday of the month (with exceptions)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 28, 2020