

City of Dunedin Committee on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

Dunedin Library

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Call to Order: 7:30 a.m. Pat Blizzard, residing chair for this meeting.

Attendance:

Members Present: Jeremy Reynolds, Vicki Love, Alan Brand, Patricia Blizzard, Laurie Beaty, Charu Leininger, Natalie Henley, Whitney Marsh

Members Absent: Mary Schoonover, Debby Sheldon, Tiffini Schwarzkopf, Phillip Oneil

Commissioner: Jeff Gow

Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2019 meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- 2020 Officer Nomination Committee Three positions: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Mary Schoonover submitted nomination form to continue as Secretary. Vickie Love volunteered to be Vice Chair. These two approved unanimously. Two people have submitted nominations for Chair. Discussed new term limit rules for the city of Dunedin and election of this position. Decided that at February 25th both nominees will be invited to present qualifications and will vote for chair via simple ballot at that time.
- Ready for 100/DREAM Natalie Henley : DREAM (Dunedin Resilient Environmental Action Plan) meeting working on categorizing main ideas for long term climate action plan. Creating a cohesive plan for the city staff as well as the public. Beginning planning meetings happening currently. Email for next meeting upcoming. Will be on City Government Calendar.
- Duke Energy Meeting – Natalie : Discussion with sustainability coordinators from around the area. Discussion mostly concerning Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050 goal. They do not have a set plan. They are in beginning stages. Will have a 10 year plan. Goal to cut carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Net zero CO2 by 2050.
- Environmental Advocate Award Pat : Two different environmental awards. Student and Business. Natalie went to present at a principals meeting. Natalie thinks a teacher meeting might be more helpful. Award Committee will check in with contacts at each school to get a feel for how that is going. Feel free to pass this along to students and teachers in Dunedin : <https://www.dunedingov.com/live-work-play/schools>
Business award application has been changes and is available on the city website <https://www.dunedingov.com/live-work-play/dunedin-green-scene/green-businesses> . Was presented to Dunedin Chamber. If you now any businesses who would qualify you can nominate or pass it along.
- Letter To City with CEQ Recommendations for Dredging/Dock Rebuilding project at City Marina Vickie Love : Letter to city concerning upcoming dredging and rebuilding docks at city marina. The concern is that sea level rise has not been taken into account with this project in determining how much to dredge and how high the docks should be. Vickie read letter to attending members. After committee discussion motion to adopt letter by Charu and 2nd by Vickie. Voted to approve unanimously. Minor edits will be made to letter by Vickie and sent to chair. Suggested that the CEQ send a representative to the meeting. Vickie will see if she can go and if not Jeremy said he would.
- Draft Letter in Support of Laser Light Show Tabled discussion because Tiffini not present.
- Partnering with Marina Advisory Board Marina Advisor Board asked about having a liaison from CEQ on their board. Discussion tabled until Debby is present. If any members are interested in participating let Debby know at next meeting.
- Annual Report - Is in the works Debby will send out and board will edit and make suggestions.

New Business:

Jeremy ~ Mote Marine hosting EPA public comment session for proposed offshore fishing group permit out in the gulf. Want to sink a large "cage" off the coast of Sarasota to farm fish there. Alan was also aware through Sierra Club. Concerns about environmental impact of this. Suggestion to inform Hope Spot and Alan will send info to Vickie concerning this.

Natalie ~ Dunedin and Keep Pinellas Beautiful are looking at a partnership. Able to get out equipment for clean ups to alleviate work for city. Help to get adoptions from community for certain areas for clean up.

Alan ~ Dunedin Earth Club. Attended a meeting at Dunedin High School. Trying to get recycling started in the high school. Alan would like to see them more involved in other ways. If anyone knows students who would like to be more involved contact him. Suggestion to contact Boy Scouts.

Congratulations to Natalie on her wedding ~ February 1!

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 am

Upcoming Meetings: 7:30-8:30 a.m. **NOTE: All 2019 CEQ meetings will be held at the Dunedin Public Library, Community Meeting Rm. B**

Next Meetings:

February 25, 2020, March 31, 2020, April 28, 2020, May 26, 2020, June 30, 2020, July 28, 2020, September 29, 2020, October 27, 2020, December 1, 2020

Meeting minutes submitted by Laurie Beaty and Debby Sheldon