

City of Dunedin Committee on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

Dunedin Library

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, June 25, 2019

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

Attendance:

Members Present: Hegge Hillestad, Jeremy Reynolds, Vicki Love, Tiffini Schwarzkopf, Alan Brand, Debby Sheldon, David Adams, Patricia Blizzard, Laurie Beaty, Phillip O'Neil

Members Absent: Mary Schoonover, Jeffric Gazlay, Charu Leininger

City Staff: Natalie Henley, Whitney Marsh, Frances Sharp, Paul Stanek, Randy Moore

Visitors: David King, Tracy Love Tippin

Approval of Minutes: May 28, 2019 meeting minutes approved unanimously with correction that David Adams was not in attendance on 5.28.19

Unfinished Business:

Ready for 100 – Alan – July 18 Summit Meeting to devise partnership which Alan cannot attend.

Plastics – Planning to get a speaker for this subject. Natalie states that they are creating a plastic reduction plan for the city to make available for city events on the best practices for plastic use by event participants and promoters.

Environmental Advocate Award Revamp – Pat – First draft complete. Will be working on edits and will present to board when complete.

New Business:

Fleet Budget 2020 – Randy Moore – Will be replacing one vehicle in 2020 with an electric vehicle. Not all equipment is currently available in electric yet. Department continues to evaluate cost benefit for future purchases. Suggestion to look into natural gas. Comment from city that the switch over would very expensive, supply chain for this is not readily available and concerns about safety in residential areas.

Stormwater Enforcement Ordinance – Whitney Marsh – July Workshop July 23 9am @ City Hall. Jeremy attend. Currently not a lot of “teeth” enforcing stormwater ordinances so city is working on an assessment matrix for minor vs major violations and residential vs commercial violators. Any income produced from fines could go to create an environmental trust. Upcoming workshop. Would like input from this group. Goal to enforce repeat offenders, which is biggest issue.

Comprehensive Plan Update – Frances Sharp and Greg Rice – 20-30 year plan to plan future growth. Updated every 7 years. State required. Getting feedback and comments from community now. Elements include: support services, conservation, recreation / open space, transportation, future land use. How do we want the city to grow. Hoping to finish 7 year update by October 2019. Review all comments by November 19th, 2019. Adopt update by April 2020. 3 Documents were sent to committee for review. CEQ members can provide comments to Natalie via email which will be reviewed at July CEQ meeting. Need focus right now on support services, coastal management and conservation. They are available for questions.

Logo and Green Team Challenge – Natalie – Presented new logo for Green Scene which will encompass programs from Sustainability Office as well as Green Team School an Business Challenge. (see below)

Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA) – Natalie – Letter written to chair of Florida Public Service Commission from City of Dunedin, which was sent to CEQ pre-meeting. The letter encourages the commission to enact higher energy efficient standards to FEECA. Waiting for feedback.

New City Hall and Parking Garage – Debby – Contacted by city (?) that this committee will be invited to a review or involved in conversation about Government City Center plans.

Water Pollution Spills – Jeremy – Link to information about spills in Pinellas Count available at this link: <https://floridadep.gov/pollutionnotice> . Dunedin is currently best record in county.

Tarpon Springs Creation of Advisory Committee – Debby – Tarpon Springs has recently created an Environmental Advisory Committee and advise from this committee. Expect to work with Tarpon to share info and support each other's environmental communities.

Reports From Other City of Dunedin Advisory Committee/Orgs:

Coastal Causeway and Waterway – No Report

Friends of Hammock – Hegge – Will study Gopher Tortoise.

Natalie – Ordinance 19-19 which requires that all government building be Net-Zero

(<https://www.energy.gov/eere/femp/net-zero-energy-water-and-waste-handbooks>) Going before committee July 11 and July 25th. Welcome to attend.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 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:

July 30, 2019 , No August meeting, Sept. 24, 2019

Oct. 29, 2019, no Nov. meeting, Dec. 3, 2019

Meeting minutes submitted by Laurie Beaty and Debby Sheldon