

**City of Dunedin Committee on Environmental Quality (CEQ)**  
**Dunedin Library**  
**Meeting Minutes: Tues., Feb. 25, 2020**

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

**Attendance:**

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

**Members Absent:** Laurie Beaty, Tiffini Schwarzkopf, Hegge Hillestad, Phillip Brown (O'Neil)

**City Staff Liaison:** Natalie (Henley) Gass, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Dunedin

**Visitors:** Howard Gray; Tracy Love Tippin; Jeff Gow, Dunedin City Commissioner

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of Jan. 28, 2020 approved with the following changes (pointed out by Howard Gray): Jeff Gow to be identified as a visitor. And under Unfinished Business, 5<sup>th</sup> agenda item (Letter to City), 7<sup>th</sup> sentence clarify the CEQ would send a representative to the Dunedin City Commission meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

2020 Officer Nomination Committee: Pat reiterated that there were one each nominees for Secretary and Vice Chair and two nominees for Chairman. At the last CEQ meeting, the committee unanimously appointed Mary Schoonover as Secretary and Vicki Love as Vice Chair. The two nominees for Chairman (Jeremy Reynolds and Debby Sheldon) discussed their qualifications and reasons for desiring to serve. A paper ballot was distributed and Debby Sheldon was elected Chairman for 2020.

A discussion followed in an attempt to clarify the City Commission passed ordinance establishing terms for volunteer city appointed boards and committees. Currently, now that the ordinance has passed, any member who has already served two one-year terms may be renewed for an additional year term. Any member termed out may reapply after a year.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the agenda be amended to move item One under **New Business** Open board posting to **Old Business** and that item be dealt with at this time. The process for filling vacant CEQ positions was discussed and it was the consensus of the committee that Howard Gray who has faithfully visited meetings and whose application is filed with the City Clerk be considered for appointment by City Commission.

Ready for 100 / DREAM: Natalie reported on progress of DREAM writing team meetings. Groups of individuals are now forming work teams and meetings will be open to the public and posted on the Dunedin govt. calendar.

Environmental Advocate Award: Advertisement and promotion of Dunedin's Green

Scene via social media is being fast tracked with the Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> deadline for applications from schools and businesses. Natalie is planning to attend the Dunedin Downtown Merchants Association meeting, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> and the Dunedin Council of Organizations meeting, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>. Award subcommittee members continue to interact with local schools to encourage their participation.

Draft letter in support of Laser Light Show: Tiffani is absent but the draft letter should be available. Natalie will send out the draft letter to all members and it will appear on the next CEQ agenda for action by the committee.

Partnering with the Marina Advisory Board: Because of the on-going communications conundrum vis-a-vis FL. Sunshine Law legal opinions, it was the consensus of the committee members that the CEQ can form a non-official relationship with the Marina Advisory Board to share information.

Dredging/Dock Rebuilding: Letter from CEQ was sent to City Commissioners, there were two replies.

Annual Report: Chairman Debby Sheldon will provide a draft copy to Natalie who will transmit it to all CEQ members. Members are to submit their suggestions/changes/additions to Natalie who will consolidate the document and send out a link to the Dunedin government website for all CEQ members and the general public. The final document will occur as an agenda item for discussion and final adoption at the March 31<sup>st</sup> CEQ meeting.

Dunedin Earth Club (Dunedin High School): Alan and Debby led a discussion about how to involve young residents in environmental activism. Deb shared her work with Science educators in Pinellas County establishing a STEM scholarship. Jeremy suggested Dunedin's participation in STEM scholarships.

### **New Business:**

Whitney Marsh's updated gig: Whitney will be invited to present at the March or April CEQ meeting.

Environmental Advocate Training: Natalie discussed her desire to create a training program to utilize residents who want to volunteer in sustainability activities. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously passed to support the creation of a residential volunteer sustainability program.

Solar Talks: Alan reported that there were 27 participants at his latest Residential Solar Power Talk, in part of the 2020 Sustainability Speaker Series.

Jeremy made the suggestion that as individuals, CEQ members advertise vacancies on social media.

Potential Future Speakers: It was suggested that a note from CEQ go to all Dunedin elected officials asking them to make their individual availability known to attend a future CEQ meeting. Tracy Love Tippin volunteered Blue Green Connections as a potential speaker.

There was a brief discussion led by Debby about involving the City's building development group in consolidating regulations for homeowners and businesses for new and re-development building projects to consolidate sustainability efforts. Natalie will bring this forward to appropriate staff.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 a.m.**

**Next Meetings:**

March 31, 2020	June 30, 2020	Oct. 27, 2020
April 28, 2020	July 28, 2020	Dec. 1, 2020
May 26, 2020	Sept. 29, 2020	

All meetings start at 7:30 a.m., Dunedin Public Library, 223 Douglas Ave, Dunedin, FL. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month (with exceptions). No August or November meetings.

Minutes submitted by Mary Schoonover, Secretary of CEQ