

City of Dunedin
Committee on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
Virtual Public Meeting
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Call to Order: 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Debby Sheldon

Attendance:

Members Present: Alan Brand, Debby Sheldon, Mary Schoonover, Patricia Blizzard, Howard Gray, Charu Leininger, Vicki Love, Laurie Beaty

Members Absent: Phillip O'Neil, Jeremy Reynolds

City Staff Liaison: Natalie Gass, Dunedin Sustainability Coordinator

Visitors: City of Largo Sustainability administrator, Laura Thomas; David Ring; Tracy Tippin

Approval of Minutes of July 28, 2020: Approved unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Natalie introduced Laura Thomas, City of Largo Sustainability Administrator. Laura presented an overview of Largo's [LEAP](#) (Largo's Environmental Action Plan) adopted in 2018. She provided slides which can be viewed [here](#). Some of the highlights were: A Sustainability Scoring Element tool required for all city projects to be included in their Capital Improvement Plan. Largo [banned municipal single use plastics](#) July 1, 2019. A section called Staff Resources which includes grants, seminar, [Largo GIS map viewer](#) and free electric vehicle charging stations. Community Resources include composting and recycle programs, a [sustainability series](#), giveaways, ['get rid of it' widget](#) and community gardens, and Volunteer group called *Largo Community Ambassadors*. Everything can be found online at [ourfuturelargo.com](#).

Laura Thomas answered questions from CEQ.

- **Unfinished Business:**

- Ready For 100 Refresher: Alan Brand gave the history and overview of Dunedin's adoption of this national Sierra Club initiative. Questions were answered; a discussion ensued.

- Environmental Advocate / Green Scene Applicants: Pat reiterated the decision made at the July CEQ meeting eliminating the school awards for this year due to no applicants. The six business application summaries were discussed with the following concerns being voiced by multiple members: what are the residency requirements for applicants (individuals, non-profits, businesses)?; how many awards should be given and in what categories?; should a winner from the previous year be considered? The consensus of the committee was that all

applications be studied in light of the discussion and that CEQ members come prepared to make decisions and vote for this year's award(s) at the September 29th meeting. The award(s) will be presented at the first December Commission meeting which will coincide with the two year anniversary of Dunedin's Ready For 100 adoption and commitment.

- Sunshine Law: Due to time constraints Howard will lead a discussion at the September 29th CEQ meeting under unfinished business.

New Business:

- City Attorney Interviews: The August 6th City Commission interviews occurred virtually and individual City Commissioners interviewed attorney candidates the following week.
- DREAM: This agenda item was added at the beginning of today's meeting by general consensus. Natalie will make a membership list available to CEQ for our information.

Two additional items were discussed at CEQ members' requests.

- Tampa Bay Times article about the Gladys Douglas property located at CR1 and Virginia Ave was discussed.
- Vicki announced that the one year anniversary of the Florida Gulf Coast Hope Spot would be celebrated October 4th. This will be an agenda item at the September 29th CEQ meeting.
- Natalie will present an update on the status of composting at the September 29th CEQ meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Next Meetings:

September 29, 2020

October 27, 2020

December 1, 2020

All meetings start at 8:00 a.m.

Last Tuesday of the month (with exceptions). No November meeting and a December meeting to occur on the 1st Tuesday. Virtual meetings will take place as long as the Executive COVID-19 Order is in place from the Governor.

Minutes submitted by Mary Schoonover, Secretary of CEQ