
Environmental Advisory Council
Tuesday, November 25, 2014

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was held on the above date for the transaction of general business in the Public Works conference room.

EAC members present –D. Beane, A. Molteni, P. Ignozzi-Shafer

Others present –D. Hoag, B. Twyman

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beane called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public in attendance.

RECYCLING UPDATE

Mr. Twyman reported that food recycling containers have been given to Northeast Middle School and St. Margaret’s for a pilot composting program. He stated that this program was utilized at Reading High School in the past. These pilots will utilize the service of Coughle’s Recycling and food waste products will be distributed to a private enterprise. Cost estimate is \$5.00 per bin per week.

Ms. Curran-Myers arrived at this time. A quorum is now present.

BCTV

Mr. Beane and Mr. Twyman will tape the December program as a live show would fall on Christmas day.

ZERO WASTE RESOLUTION

There was discussion about how the zero waste initiative relates to the STAR program. It was noted that Ms. Katzenmoyer made several comments on the resolution in an email to the EAC (attached).

Brian Kelly arrived at this time.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Ms. Ignozzi-Shafer, seconded by Ms. Curran-Myers, to approve the October 28, 2014 meeting summary as written. Motion carried unanimously.

STAR PRESENTATION

Mr. Kelly stated that the City is working to establish its baseline in December so that it can track progress. He stated that the National League of Cities and other groups are attempting to measure sustainability.

Mr. Kelly stated that the STAR program measures sustainability through a point system in seven categories. Each category has several initiatives with each initiative having objectives and action items. The City is documenting the sustainability initiatives that it currently meets. Documenting the initiatives and providing proof for the awarding of points involves many partners.

A spreadsheet was circulated containing various categories through which the EAC might be able to contribute information. Mr. Kelly performed a point by point analysis of the categories in conjunction with the technical guide. The review process was completed within an hour and Mr. Kelly advised he would follow with a synopsis of the meeting. Ms. Katzenmoyer will also be asked to follow up and provide the necessary background and information.

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

There was discussion about the 2015 meeting schedule. The EAC determined not to hold meetings in the evening. A meeting schedule change is possible to accommodate Ms. White's and Ms. Coyle's schedules to allow them to attend meetings more frequently.

The next regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, December 23 at noon at the Public Works building.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Shelly Katzenmoyer, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

All,

My sincere apologies that I must miss today's meeting. Tomorrow's impending weather situation has forced me to change my holiday travel plans.

I will be available by phone during the meeting if you need me – 610-780-6356.

Here are a few updates on agenda items:

- STAR – I have arranged for hard copies of the entire technical guide for myself, Cathy and David to manage the EAC's initiatives working through the project. I have not yet received them. There are three priority projects which I would assume we would work on first after the legislation is moving through the enactment process.
- Because of Callie's family situation, there has been no forward movement on the steep slope regulations.
- At this point, it would be best to bring the legislation to Council in January. It is difficult to carry legislation over from one year to the next and zoning amendment is a lengthy process.
- Cathy has done a review of the zero waste resolution and made suggested changes. I have reviewed and found a ton of typos that need to be corrected. In addition, resolutions of Council are generally not this detailed and I'm wondering if all this information should be included in the resolution or separately in an exhibit which would set forth much of the detail.
- David and Dr. Dethoff (chair of the Board of Health) will be presenting the position statements on fluoride to City Council at the Council meeting on Monday, December 8 at 7 pm.
- Pier and I are working with RACC and the Recreation Commission on rain barrel education and hands-on workshops.
- And finally, now is the time to determine if we want to change our meeting date, time or location for 2015 and if we will be combining summer meetings and meeting at other locations during the warmer months. The advertisement will run in late December announcing 2015 meetings.

Deb – I have made hard copies of the agenda packets if you have a minute to stop in the office to pick them up. Your call. I'm here until noon and then I have to hit the road.

Thanks for your understanding and again, my sincerest apologies.