
Environmental Advisory Council
Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was held on the above date for the transaction of general business.

Present – H. Rauenzahn, D. Beane, A. Molteni

Also present – S. Katzenmoyer, D. Hoag

CALL TO ORDER

Harriet Rauenzahn called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

As a quorum was not present, the January 25 meeting minutes will be approved at the March meeting.

GREEN DRINKS EVENT

Ms. Rauenzahn stated that she will be attending the next “Green Drinks” event at Viva. She encouraged others to attend as well.

EARTH DAY

Mr. Molteni stated that the event will be held on May 1 at Riverfront Park. He stated that planning is progressing. He suggested that Mr. Beane have a table at the event dealing with environmental law. Ms. Rauenzahn stated that she will work with Sierra Club to have a table as well. Mr. Molteni stated that the City will be covering the cost of electricity for the event.

BCTV

Ms. Rauenzahn stated that the February show will feature Dave Renninger and Ralph Ganter and their students’ projects. She will also advertise the Earth Day event.

EAC SUMMIT

Ms. Rauenzahn stated that the next summit will take place on Tuesday, March 8 at 4 pm at the Peanut Bar. Ms. Katzenmoyer will invite those on the EAC Summit contact list.

Mr. Molteni suggested that Reading Regeneration be added to this contact list. Ms. Rauenzahn will contact Reading Regeneration and the Berks Conservancy to attend. She stated that those attending must RSVP.

Ms. Hoag suggested that Jane Meeks be added to the contact list.

MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Ms. Kelleher has recently run an advertisement in the Reading Eagle noting the need for members for several City boards, authorities and commissions, including the EAC.

Ms. Katzenmoyer noted that she has one applicant pending appointment for the EAC.

EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Ms. Rauenzahn stated that she has been unsuccessful in reaching the RSD Superintendent regarding teacher in-service training.

The EAC reviewed comments made by Ms. Drayer regarding reaching out to the City's youth.

Mr. Molteni noted that he is against rewarding people for doing things that they should do anyway.

Ms. Katzenmoyer explained the problems experienced when the City tried to institute a similar program, Properties of Merit.

Ms. Rauenzahn suggested that the EAC attend community group meetings to spread the word about environmental programs. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that she has contact information for the active groups.

Ms. Rauenzahn stated that she will attend community meetings as she is able. Mr. Molteni noted that he was also willing to attend meetings. He requested that he be able to distribute Earth Day flyers to community groups. Ms.

Katzenmoyer will get contact information to Mr. Molteni and meeting dates/times to Ms. Rauenzahn and Mr. Molteni.

Jeanne Ortiz of the Audubon Society arrived at this time.

LONG RANGE PLAN

The EAC reviewed the results of the long-range planning and rated projects for immediate, short-term, and long-term timelines. Several items were removed as others already work on these issues.

Ms. Ortiz stated that she will make the necessary changes and will give the final results to Ms. Rauenzahn via email.

Ms. Katzenmoyer and Ms. Hoag will begin working on the necessary inventories.

BERNHART PARK REMEDIATION UPDATE

Mr. Beane updated the EAC on the work group's presentation to Council. He stated that Council will be taking action at their March 14 meeting to grant Exide access to the park to begin remediation and to approve the memorandum of understanding regarding the remediation work to be performed. He stated that if this schedule is followed that work will begin in the spring of 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, March 22 at 5:30 pm in the Council Office.

Respectfully submitted by
Shelly Katzenmoyer
Deputy City Clerk