

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 29, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:34 pm

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Present**

Chris Stimpson

Jennifer Fugita

Linda Allison

Nathan Christianson

Jennifer Braun Paliszeski

Michael Fitch

Maria Rotunda

Paul Schmiechen, Staff Liaison

Dave DeMott, Mayor Pro Tem

**Public**

Samantha Kirzeder

Anonymous

### **AGENDA APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by **Jennifer BP**, seconded by **Jennifer F**, to accept the meeting's agenda; the motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by **Linda**, seconded by **Maria**, to accept the minutes of the February 22nd meeting; the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment provided.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **EAB Vacancy**
  - **Clelia McVay** has indicated she must step down from EAB due to other obligations and commitments. **Chris** reported that he has accepted her resignation with regret, and that he has thanked her for her service to EAB. City Clerk is currently working to invite a replacement member.
- **2023 EAB Goals**
  - Schools Presentations. Mayor Pro Tem **DeMott** reported that he had presented to City Council the outline of the schools presentation plan that **Chris** had submitted to him, but had not been able to obtain definitive approval. He proposed trying to include it in next week's Council study session for a decision. **Chris** said that he would attend the study session.
  - Event Attendance. A plan for attending and presenting at events was discussed. These might include Thursday library venues, Top Taco, Brewfest (July), Movies

in the Park, WestyFest, Historic Westminster and others. Subject matter for our tabling could include many environmental issues, e.g., water conservation, Emerald Ash Borers, composting, recycling, transportation fuel alternatives, stormwater and others. Events could also allow us to be ambassadors for City services, telling attendees what the City does in these areas for residents and businesses, such as the SAGE Sustainable Business Program.

- Non-HOA Sustainability Outreach. EAB can help with advancing the existing City sustainability plan into non-HOA areas.

- **Earth Week Communications**

- The Sustainability office and communications team are well advanced in Earth Week messaging for 2023; it was agreed that EAB could take a lead in such messaging in 2024.

- **Great Global Cleanup**

- As part of Earth Week, the Great Global Cleanup is scheduled for April 22, 10-12pm. We have targeted Westminster Station Park for our ‘patch’. Some 10-12 of us have volunteered for the work. **Chris** will collect the bags ahead of time. A snack lunch will be available at City Park Rec Center after the cleanup.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Linda** reported on the visit several of us took to the wastewater treatment plant on Huron and 131st. We were very impressed at how this vital operation is performed using bacteria, UV lights and largely automated processes.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Linda** reported that it would be helpful to the City if volunteer hours were recorded.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. Motion made by **Chris**, seconded by **Jennifer F.**

Next Meeting: April 26th, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Secretary

The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to:

- Advise City Council and Staff on matters in the community pertaining to solid waste disposal, yard waste recycling, air quality enhancements, hazardous waste management; and storm water quality.
- Make recommendations to City Council and Staff regarding the development of city-wide community and/or neighborhood programs to address long range recycling and solid waste disposal issues; programs to address grass, tree limb, and leaf recycling; programs to address air quality enhancement such as ground-level ozone programs to address hazardous waste recycling and/or disposal and to educate the community and serve in an advisory capacity regarding storm water quality programs.
- Encourage citizen participation in community recycling efforts and promote public education on the environmental benefits of various community programs including curbside recycling, Christmas tree recycling, composting, ground level ozone action alerts, wood burning bans, and household hazardous waste disposal opportunities.
- Annual participation in community outreach programs such as the Earth Day/Arbor Day, Pride Day, school educational talks, and Westy Fest.