Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 7, 2019
6:00 PM

2nd Floor Clerk's Conference Room of City Hall

Sustainable Aurora
CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Caryl Riley called the Sustainable Aurora Meeting for Thursday, February 7, 2019 to order at 6:15 pm.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Caryl Riley called the role. The following members were present: chairman Caryl Riley, vice chair Mavis Bates, secretary Karen Wan, and member Bernina Perkins.

OTHERS PRESENT

For City Staff representation Alex Minnella, Planner, was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Caryl Riley: First Item on the Agenda is the Review and Approval of the Minutes from the February 7, 2019 meeting. Are there any requested corrections to the minutes as written?

Hearing none, may I have a motion to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2019 meeting as written.

Motion has been moved by Member Mavis Bates and seconded by Member Bernina Perkins.

Motion carries the minutes are approved.

This Minutes was approved and filed

AGENDA

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

Caryl Riley: The Next Item on the Agenda is Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. We will first hear a presentation by Alex Minnella on this item.

Alex Minnella: The Compact of Mayors is a global coalition of mayors and city officials committing to reduce local GHG, enhance resilience to climate change and track their progress publicly.

The Compact of Mayors was formally signed into action in September 2014 with a statement that read in part:

“The Compact of Mayors is an agreement by city networks—and then by their members—to undertake a transparent and supportive approach to reduce city-level emissions, to reduce vulnerability and to enhance resilience to climate change, in a consistent and complimentary manner to national level climate protection efforts. The Compact of Mayors builds on the ongoing efforts of Mayors that increasingly set ambitious, voluntary city climate commitments or targets for GHG emissions reduction and to address climate risk; report on progress towards achieving those targets by meeting robust, rigorous and consistent reporting standards (as established through City Networks); and make that information publically available by reporting through a recognized city platform.”
It was formed by:
- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
- Michael R. Bloomberg, U.N. Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change
- ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)
- C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40)
- United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

By joining the effort, the City will pledge to reduce CO2 emissions by at least 40% by 2030 and to increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change.

The City will have up to three years to meet a series of requirements and fully comply, culminating in the creation of a full climate action and adaptation plan, and it will be recognized as each step is met.

The steps to be undertaken are described as follow:
- Register commitment
- Take Inventory (within one year)
- Assess the current impacts of climate change in Aurora by building and completing a community-wide GHG inventory
- Identify climate hazards
- Report
- Create reduction targets (within two years)
- Update GHG inventory
- Set a target to reduce GHG emissions
- Conduct a climate change vulnerability assessment
- Report
- Establish an action plan (within three years)

This was discussed

PENDING

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Citizen Advisory Committee

Caryl Riley: The Next Item on the Agenda is the Citizen Advisory Committee. May I have a presentation by member Karen Wan on this item?

Karen Wan: In the upcoming March Sustainable Aurora newsletter we are planning on showing what the board has been doing and is planning on doing. All members will contribute.

B) Green Events Committee

C) Grants and Award Research Committee

D) Youth Outreach Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Solar Energy Forum on February 8, 2019 - Fox Valley Sustainability Network

Caryl Riley: Are there any announcements by the Members of the Board?

Alex Minnella: The Fox Valley Sustainability Network provides a regular quarterly meeting structure, staffing, and communications format for communities within the Fox Valley to learn together, collaborate on planning and implementation, coordinate, share updates on progress, seek funding, and report progress against goals together toward making the Fox Valley region sustainable over the next 100 years.

On February 8, 2019, the Future Energy Jobs Act & Solar Forum will take place at the Centre of Elgin (100 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120), 10:00 am - 12:15 pm. The event will touch on the Future Energy Jobs Act, the Kane Energy Efficiency Program (KEEP), Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program financing, and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Solar Procurement Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Caryl Riley: That concludes our scheduled business for this meeting. May I have a motion to adjourn the meeting? Motion has been moved by Member Wan and seconded by Member Bates. All those in favor of the motion indicate by saying aye, all those opposed by saying nay. Motion carries the meeting is adjourned at 7:20pm

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