Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 11, 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, March 11, 2019 to order at 6:10 pm.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Caryl Riley called the role. The following members were present: chairman Caryl Riley, secretary Karen Wan, and member Bernina Perkins. The advisory board welcomed the new members Marjorie Logman, Jonathan Monsma and Terry Voitik. Vice chair Mavis Bates was excused.

OTHERS PRESENT

For City Staff representation Alex Minnella, Planner, was present.
In the audience Jack Diederich, undergraduate civil engineering student at the University of Notre Dame class of 2020.

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 Karen Wan and seconded by Bernina Perkins. Perkins.
Please note for the record that Member Riley will be abstaining from the vote. Motion carries the minutes are approved.

This Minutes was approved and filed

AGENDA

Urban Climate Adaptation Presentation

Caryl Riley: The Next Item on the Agenda is "Urban Climate Adaptation, presented by Jack Diederich. Jack is currently taking a course on urban climate adaption taught by Dr. Patrick Regan with the department of Civil & Environmental Engineering & Earth Sciences at the University of Notre Dame.

Jack Diederich: The goal of the Urban Climate Adaptation class is to identify environmental hazards that can develop in cities, with an emphasis on how climate change affects the risk of these hazards. Students and faculty members analyze what cities can do to improve infrastructure and safety procedures to prepare residents and their property to adapt for extreme environmental conditions, such as flooding or extreme cold temperatures. A group of researchers at Notre Dame have developed the Urban Adaptation Assessment (UAA), an interactive database that rates U.S. cities of over 100,000 residents on their risk exposure and adaptive capacity in their environment. The UAA further breaks cities down into its census tracts that measure demographics, hazard areas, and potential damages to infrastructure in the tract to
help identify areas of high economic and human safety risk. The tool provides metrics that can help a municipality to determine the level of risk readiness in a timely manner.

The board members found the topic and the study very compelling. The board would like to have the opportunity to make the tool available on the City’s website to further educate the public on environmental issues and precautionary measures.

March Sustainable Aurora Newsletter

Caryl Riley: The Next Item on the Agenda is "March Sustainable Aurora Newsletter."

The board presented to the new members the quarterly newsletter that the board is championing, and the topics to be included in the upcoming April’s newsletter. The new members will be actively involved in it moving forward.

PENDING

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Citizen Advisory Committee

Caryl Riley: The next item on the agenda is Citizen Advisory Committee.

The advisory board is tentatively planning on scheduling the Citizen Advisory Committee, comprised of volunteers, this coming April 16, 2019 at the Phillips Park facility. Further information will be provided in the April’s newsletter.

B) Green Events Committee

C) Grants and Award Research Committee

D) Youth Outreach Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) On Wednesday, March 20, 2019 The Fox Valley Sustainability Network will hold a Green Infrastructure Forum at Midwest Groundcovers in St. Charles, IL. An overview of programs and municipalities in the Fox Valley that have implemented green infrastructure plans and improvements in their community will be provided.

2) On April 5, 2019 Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, will provide a history of the Greenest Region Compact (GRC) and its framework before leading an interactive session to illustrate the value of the GRC to Will County communities. The event will take place at the Joliet Junior College, U Building, conference Center, Joliet.

3) This coming April 22 will be Earth Day. The board will plan for an event in partnership with the Youth Council.

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 Perkins. All those in favor of the motion indicate by saying aye, all those opposed by saying nay.
Motion carries the meeting is adjourned at 7:30pm
This was adjourned

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