City of Aurora

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 2019
6:00 PM

2nd Floor Clerk's Conference Room of City Hall

Sustainable Aurora
CALL TO ORDER

The Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board meeting for Thursday, July 11, 2019 was called to order at 6:03pm.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:
- Mavis Bates
- Bernina Perkins
- Terri Voitik
- Karen Wan
The following members were excused:
Jonathan Monsma

OTHERS PRESENT

For staff representation the following were present: Alex Minnella, Planner, City of Aurora

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes #19-0564 from the May 9, 2019 Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board meeting was moved by member Wan and seconded by member Voitik. The minutes were approved.

This Minutes was approved and filed

A motion to approve the minutes #19-0559 from the June 6, 2019 Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board meeting was moved by member Perkins and seconded by member Bates. The minutes were approved.
Chairman Riley abstained.

This Minutes was approved and filed

AGENDA

Sustainability Plan Update - Next Steps

The steps that will lead to the approval of the Sustainability plan update were discussed. The advisory board will refine the proposed changes at the next monthly meeting in August. The presentation for informational purposes, that will be presented before Committe of the Whole on August 20th, will also be discussed at the August meeting.

This was discussed

Renewable Energy Plan
- Power Purchase Agreement
- Community Solar
- Ready for 100%
- Power Purchase Agreement: Staff reported that, unfortunately, the lottery for the Renewable Energy Credits associated with the Community Solar Program is now complete and there is now a long queue of projects on the "waiting list". If there was a possibility of reducing connection costs at the preferred site (Sullivan/IL 25) staff will likely get back with the selected Development Consultant (Ameresco), and investigate again the feasibility.

- Community Solar: for the reasons referenced above, a Community Solar project might not be as financially advantageous for both, one or the other parties. If the possibility arises a "buy in" on a Community Solar project to be built elsewhere may be a more feasible solution.

- Ready for 100%: staff has read the draft resolution approving the Ready for 100% pledge and found no specific different or additional benefits that would differentiate this initiative from Cool DuPage or the Global Covenant of Mayors. Approving the Sustainability Plan update will be the new guiding long range plan for sustainability.

This was discussed

Staff Report
- Power Charging Stations
- Proposed Student Scholarship/Contest: Renewable Energy Plan

- Power Charging Stations: Staff informed the advisory board that more charging stations are planned to be installed in addition to the three (3) existing ones at the Aurora Transportation Center. The preferred location has not been defined, but staff will update the advisory board as needed.
- Proposed Student Scholarship/Contest: Renewable Energy Plan: being this a budgetary item, further discussion is forthcoming. Staff will update the advisory board as needed.

This was discussed

Board Member Initiatives
- Report on Capital bill ramifications
- Farmers Market
- Green Fest

- Report on Capital bill ramifications: no updates
- Farmers Market: pending weather conditions board members will gather on July 20th from 8am till noon
- Green Fest: a boot has been reserved and members will be in attendance

PENDING

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Citizen Advisory Committee

B) Green Events Committee
C) Grants and Award Research Committee

The City of Aurora has been awarded the ComEd Green Region Program grant for the restoration along the Fox River in Downtown. This project will restore native flora along the Fox River, to create a buffer between the river and adjacent impervious pavements, especially public parking lots. The restored site will intercept surface runoff, thereby reducing pollutants flowing into the river, and provide a habitat for native species of birds and insect pollinators.

D) Youth Outreach Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Member Voitik motioned for adjournment and member Perkins seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

This was adjourned

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