

Berkley Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes: 9/15/2022

Attendees:

- Mark Richardson
- Tricia Losey
- Noel Rendleman
- Rebekah Randle
- Stephanie Pandolfi

6:42pm: Meeting called to order

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of agenda

- a. Tricia: motion to adopt agenda
- b. Noel: Second
- c. Agenda adopted unanimously

III. Approval of August 2022 meeting's minutes

- a. Rebekah: motion to approve
- b. Noel: second
- c. Minutes approved unanimously

IV. Public comment

V. Chair's report

- a. Meeting this Sunday 9/18/22 at 1pm at Madison Heights Civic Center Park (Pavilion A) – Oakland County Climate Coalition Roundtable to discuss the federal and county funds for local government and environmental initiatives. Mark to attend
 - i. Noel suggested Mark ask about engine idling ordinances – might we advise the city on adopting such an ordinance?
- b. Minutes / agendas not being posted on the city website. Mark looked and they are not uploaded, although notice of the meeting is on there. Agendas are automatically provided to the city, but we don't have an elected secretary yet for the minutes. Mark will contact the city about this issue.

VI. City Council Liaison Report – tabled (RG not in attendance)

VII. Discussion Item: committee goals and priorities

- a. BEAC should discuss short term and long term goals for the committee
 - i. Historically
 1. Educate public (sponsor events)
 2. Advise the city on things like green infrastructure study, energy efficiency plan, etc.
 3. Bike corral

4. Rain barrel sale
 5. Expos (Berkley spring expo at BHS – discussed stormwater management at home, etc.)
 6. Electronic recycling days jointly with Huntington Woods
- ii. Ideas for this year:
1. Continue with public education
 2. Develop sustainability plan for the community (borrow from the work that's been done on the master plan, transit plan, etc.)
 - a. More detailed discussion at future meeting.
 - b. We'll need expert input (bring in consultants)
 - c. Mark will send the study by Dr. Carpenter (about green infrastructure) and the Royal Oak plan. He provided 6 examples of green infrastructure, including rain gardens, permeable pavement (in city parking lots on 12 Mile), etc.
 3. Noel: Stormwater runoff and management is more engineering, whereas since we're the EAC we should focus on more environmental issues.
 - a. Poster with a bullet point summary of why people should ride bikes more (bike corral)
 - b. Commission someone artistic to create a kid-friendly poster
 - i. Berkley Art Bash
 - ii. Berkley Cruisefest
 - iii. Berkley Days
 - iv. Berkley Irish fest (?)
 - v. Berkley Street Art Festival
 - vi. Berkley Pride Day
 - vii. Earth Day
 1. Recycler of the Year awards for businesses and homeowners (sometimes on Earth Day, sometimes on Recycling Day)
 - c. Ask the city to better publicize the BEAC presence at the Berkley Art Bash (bike corral)
 - d. Giant dog dish with water at the BEAC table
 - e. Spring / fall Berkley bike rides around local bike trails
 - f. Noel – we should do the rain barrel sale again. He volunteered to work with Matt Church at the library to arrange it again for next year. Rebekah – go through Michigan Rainbarrel? By the end of April. SP – maybe also offer compost bins. Lilian Dean offers a composting course, maybe ask if she'll do a class at the

library prior to the sale. Rebekah – add an intermediate / advanced class on composting.

- g. Farmer's Market / community garden – SP will talk to Clark's about the space, find a local community / family farm.
- h. Plant native plants on city land, and seminars for residents on converting their yards to native plants – Tricia and Rebekah to take the lead.
 - i. Mark will talk to Kristen Kaplansky about the zoning ordinances the city is planning to review (percent of land that needs to be planted)
 - ii. Mark already convinced developers to use native vs. non-native plants!

4. For November meeting – reports on scope of projects

- a. Mark: bike corral (banner / poster?) for city events
- b. Mark: zoning ordinance review with K. Kaplansky
- c. Noel: Rain barrels (March)
- d. Steph / Rebekah: compost bins
- e. Tricia / Rebekah: Earth Day (April)
- f. Steph: farmer's market (May / June)
- g. Tricia / Rebekah: native plant education and planting (fall)

5. Earth Day / Arbor Day activities?

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Announcements

XI. Adjourn

- a. Rebekah: motion to adjourn
- b. Noel: Second
- c. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously
- d. Meeting adjourned 8:06pm