

BERKLEY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of January 24, 2020

6:30 PM Public Safety Building 2nd Floor

MEETING NOTES

1. Call to order – 6:35
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - A. Attendees – M. Richardson, K. Stickel, B. Gunnels, J. Heath, A. Pace, R. Laczkovich
 - B. Guests – Chris Copacia, Beata
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of November 2019 meeting – Approved
5. Public Comment – C. Copacia here to discuss composting. Beneficial to the City, reduction in garbage/tipping fees. Focus on the restaurant industry to start, a lot of opportunities for composting. Numerous companies in Detroit doing composting - Midwest Composting, Detroit Dirt. Hopcat does a lot of composting, so would be a good resource for communities. Reinvigorating public knowledge and interest. Exploring potential City or County subsidies. Local communities doing composting? Ann Arbor does. They have facility and do pick up.

Look at baseline information for trash pickup. Start with public information. Will follow up with Derek and Hopcat.

Chris is also on the citizens engagement and advisory group. Asked for any assistance they can provide to help advertise environmental issues. Will be a revamp of Berkley's Facebook page. Group is looking at how to provide volunteer resources.
6. Chairperson's Report
 - A. Have gotten data on electronics recycling. Contractor took 5,959 lbs of materials. Will look at doing another day this year.
 - B. No further information on WaterTowns project. Have commitment for CRWC and Don to come to one of our meetings to discuss projects.
7. City Council Liaison Report - Councilperson Gavin not present.

8. Adoption of Meeting Schedule for 2020 – Third Thursday of the month, except July and December, where no meetings will be held. Schedule was adopted.

9. Discussion of Rain Barrel Workshop
 - A. At the library from 6:30 – 9:30.
 - B. Educational parts and ability to purchase if you register in advance.

10. Discussion of Energy Efficiency Plan Implementation
 - A. Develop a google drive to share information. Everyone provide thoughts on the position. Share all thoughts by mid-February to discuss at February meeting.
 - B. Would like to try to influence the budgeting process. Want to recommend what the energy manager to do. Provide memo outlining what expectations of the position are.
 1. Look for case studies that show by assessing energy uses, City can save money to help pay for the position.
 - C. Present some options to the City for financing the manager's position and energy saving projects. Revolving fund? Grants? Other opportunities?

11. Old Business:
 - A. Recycler of the year – Do we want to move to Earth Day? Do we want to do business and resident? Do we want to open for nominations on Earth Day and present at Art Bash? Touch base with Tory, community engagement person, may want to do profile on winner.

12. New Business: None

13. Announcements
 - A. Stormwater program at library on January 27.
 - B. Great Lake Water Conference – April 28-30

14. Adjourn – 7:38 pm