



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final Environmental Awareness Committee

Jeff Wells, Chair

Jack Brookhart, Vice Chair

Jess Ennis

Eric Hancsak

Nicole Kowalski

Ivana Matyas

Leanne Schumacher

Sonya Mottram, Administrative Support Supervisor

Monday, May 7, 2018

7:30 PM

Town Hall

I. Call to Order

Mr. Brookhart called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Present: 6 - Mr. Brookhart, Mr. Hancsak, Mrs. Kowalski, Mrs. Matyas, Mrs. Schumacher and Mr. Wells

Absent: 1 - Mr. Ennis

Other Attended: Sonya Mottram, Administrative Support Supervisor

II. Approval of the Minutes

This matter was approved

A. [18-0040](#) Minutes of Previous Environmental Awareness Committee Meetings.

Attachments: [EAC April 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Hancsak, seconded by Mrs. Matyas that the April 2, 2018 meeting minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. Public Comments

Mr. Janik, 36 Thirty Acres spoke to committee regarding current fertilization program on City green space. He prefers an organic fertilizer. He requested that the committee learn about the current fertilization program and provide alternatives to Council. Mr. Wells suggest that the Stormwater Committee add to their list of goals.

Dillon Shepard, 7th grade. Mr. Shepard came to learn what the City is doing for recycling for his Middle school Service learning project. He helped with trash clean-up on Terex Rd. He believes that aluminum foil could be recycled better.

Cathy Gerard, League of Woman Voters. Request to vote on issue 1 in the next election.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

A. Sustainable Building Practices Subcommittee

Committee met with Jim Stifler, Economic Development Director and Greg Hannan, Community Development Director regarding sustainability and a wish list for the Downtown Phase II development project. Mr. Hancsak drafted a letter for City officials. Mr. Hancsak will send out letter to all committee members to review and approve. Next meeting for Downtown Phase II is May 14th.

Mr. Hancsak confirmed that letter to School Superintendent was sent.

B. Recycling / Trash Subcommittee

Mr. Brookhart stated that the goal for the new City refuse program is to recommend a single hauler. The first step will be to present a recommendation to City Management. Mrs. Kowalski asked questions regarding the first Request for Proposals process.

Mr. Brookhart stated that the second goal was to improve recycling for the Downtown Phase II project. This includes improvements to recycling containers at First and Main.

The sub-committee plans to provide better education to residents.

The last short term goal is install more recycling units in the City Parks and provide education to properly use the containers. The sub-committee is working with Park Board member, Gene Fitch. The Hudson Springs and Veterans Way Parks will be the first parks to implement a new program.

The Longer Term Goals include a single hauler for commercial, composting program and penalties for not recycling.

C. Communication / Environment Education Programs

Mrs. Matyas stated that she has been working with the Hudson Middle School's Literacy in the Community teachers and students. The teachers are also interested in the Keep Hudson Beautiful program. Mr. Wells asked if the committee has reached out to the High School.

The sub-committee is working on Green of the Green e-mail blast and updating the contact list. Mrs. Matyas stated that she has a few hard copies of the flyers.

Mrs. Mottram stated that there needs to be more communication and newsblast for the Keep Hudson Cemeteries Beautiful Day on May 19th from 9 am to 11 am.

D. Keep Hudson Beautiful Subcommittee

Mrs. Schumacher stated the sub-committee worked on the Litter Index Report. On April 14th, a group conducted this year's Litter Index. The Middle School students planned and / or participated in a few road clean-ups for the Great American Clean-up.

Mrs. Schumacher will meet with Deb Sherman, Taste of Hudson Event Planner, after Memorial Day regarding Taste of Hudson event. The committee will no longer have the annual Wine Festival.

E. Storm water / Watershed Education Subcommittee

Mrs. Schumacher state the rain barrel art project coming along from the Highschool students.

Mrs. Schumacher will work on and evaluate the City fertilization program.

F. Renewable Energy Subcommittee

Mr. Hancsak stated that in the Downtown Phase II meeting with Mr. Stifler and Mr. Hannon solar was also addressed.

Mr. Hancsak requested information regardsing the Solar Park.

V. Old Business

A. Green on the Green: September 22, 2018

Mrs. Mottram revisited the issue of providing tents, tables and chairs to the vendors.

Mr. Wells requested for invitations for City Council and State Representatives.

VI. New Business

Mrs. Mottram shared news that the City was awarded a Bronze level and requested the committee to support National Bike Month.

Mrs. Kowalski asked which sub-committees needed extra help. Communications sub-committee stated that they could use her help.

Mrs. Mottram stated that the Ice Cream Social and the Hudson Farmer's Market Community Day will be in June. Committee members will need to confirm their participation.

VII. Other Committee Comments & Announcements

None

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Matyas, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Aye: 6 - Brookhart, Hancsak, Kowalski, Ms. Matyas, Mrs. Schumacher and Mr. Wells

Mr. Wells adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 4, 2018

Jeffrey Wells, Chair

Upon approval by the Environmental Awareness Committee, this official written summary of the meeting minutes shall become a permanent record, and the official minutes shall also consist of a permanent audio and video recording, excluding executive sessions.