

Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee - Minutes

Present:

Chair – Councillor Starchuk
L. Bykowski
N. Hogan
S. Mossop
S. Sabharwal
D. Skaey
J. Zelazny (Rep. to AFSAC)

Regrets:

G. James
M. Sharma
S. VanKeulen (AFSAC Rep.)

Staff Present:

S. Godwin, Environment Manager, Engineering
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

The agenda was varied to add “Biofuel Facility Tour” to Other Business and “Grandview Heights NCP#3 Citizens Advisory Committee Update” to Information Items.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes of March 29, 2017, be approved.

It was

Moved by D. Skaey

Seconded by J. Zelazny

That the minutes of Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) meeting held on March 29, 2017 be approved.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****D. NEW BUSINESS****1. Surrey Green City Awards Update**

- Staff advised that an internal staff working group will oversee the City Awards program and further noted that the decision making process will be confidential to ensure the winners are not revealed prior to the awards ceremony.
- The ESAC will recommend to Council one winner in each the following categories:
 - 1) Outstanding Individual
 - 2) Community Group
 - 3) Business

- Nominations for the awards can be done through the City website till Monday, June 5, 2017. The final package of nominations will be submitted in a Corporate Report for Council's consideration September 11, 2017 and the winners announced at the October 25 ceremony.

2. **Waste Reduction at Public Events**

File: N/A - Verbal

The Committee ensued discussion about reducing waste at public city events and the elimination of the use of polystyrene (Styrofoam) free products.

The following comments were made:

- The Chair noted for the new members that the issue of waste reduction at public events and the elimination of Styrofoam have been raised at past ESAC meetings. It was further noted that City hosted events (Fusion Festival, P4P and the Christmas Tree Lighting) have guidelines in place for waste reduction whereas other public events do not have any standards in place surrounding waste reduction and specifically, the use of polystyrene free products.
- The Committee noted that it is important to build awareness and educate the public on the impacts polystyrene products has on the environment.
- The Chair advised the ESAC of an initiative to provide vendors a dish (combination of plate/bowl) made up of recyclable materials intended to be distributed at public events such as Vaisakhi, to help promote awareness and education.
- The Committee resolved the following:
 - 1) FEST be invited to provide a presentation to the ESAC in May or June; and
 - 2) "Waste Reduction" be added to the ESAC Workplan for 2017.

E. **ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

F. **CORRESPONDENCE**

G. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee (AFSAC) Update**

The AFSAC representative was absent. No update was provided.

2. **Coastal Flood Protection Strategy Update**

The Coastal Flood Protection Strategy meeting is scheduled for April 26. An update will be provided at the May 31 ESAC meeting.

3. **Grandview Heights NCP#3 Citizens Advisory Committee Update**

The Grandview Heights NCP#3 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for the end of May. An update will be provided at the May 31 ESAC meeting.

H. **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Party for the Planet Update**

File: N/A - Verbal

The Chair reported that the event was well attended despite the rainy weather and the Vaisakhi event being held the same day.

I. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 31, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, in room 1E Committee Room B.

It was

Moved by J. Zelazny

Seconded by S. Sabharwal

That the Environmental Sustainability

Advisory Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Starchuk, Chair