

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting August 8, 2024

The Environmental Advisory Board held a meeting on this date at 4:00 p.m. at 405 6th Street, Room# 404, Sioux City, Iowa in which the following items were discussed:

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	<u>GUESTS/PUBLIC</u>
Grace Perrin	Alex Johnson - excused	Estefani Valdez	
Sarah Nelson		Arah Montagne	
Corinne Erickson			
Sam Dailey			
Ryan Rozeboom – virtual			
Danna Sanchez – virtual			

CALL TO ORDER

The Environmental Advisory Board was called to order by Arah Montagne at 4:03 p.m. Meeting minutes from June 13, 2024, were approved with a motion by Sarah Nelson and seconded by Grace Perrin.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Recap Joint Council Meeting: Arah recaps the joint council meeting that took place on July 11th. The board shared some of the things they've worked on throughout the last year and recapped some of the goals they currently have. Roots for Siouxland, 24on24, 25on25, and promoting the rain barrel reimbursement program are a few of the goals. A couple council members also shared some ideas for projects they would like to see. Watters mentioned the tree boxes around the downtown area. This is something that Downtown Partners is working on. Watters also had the idea of contacting the colleges in the area about recycling electronics. Colleges typically have numerous TVs throughout campus. Arah will be reaching out to the colleges to inquire about this. Another idea is to have can or bottle recycling containers at events at The Tyson Events Center and The Hard Rock. Arah will work on this with Gill Hauling.

Roots for Siouxland Program: There is still a lot that needs to be figured out for this project. We need to start working on this right away to get it ready by the fall. Parks and Rec. is letting us use the Expo Center to house the trees and use as a pickup area. Citizens will pre-order the trees and collect at a specific time. We need to figure out what we will do with the trees that are not picked up. Some options are to donate the trees to local schools, Parks and Rec., or Downtown Partners. Arah found six types of trees that can be offered. We are going with the bigger trees instead of saplings as they have a better chance of survival and are also available to purchase in bulk. Arah made a Google form that she will send out to the group to review. This project can be pushed to the spring; however, fall is the best time to plant trees. We should have approximately \$5,000 available to use in this fiscal year. Sam will be working on a sponsor letter to apply for additional funding sources. Depending on our funding, we may be able to offer the trees for free or at a discounted price. Grace will be putting together information sheets about each tree.

Comments from Staff & Board Members

Estefani and Arah recapped the changes to the Open Meeting Act.

Sarah would like to discuss glass recycling numbers at the next meeting. She would like to go over tonnages and what can be done to increase these numbers.

Sarah asked about a Rain Garden Reimbursement Program. This will be discussed during the September meeting along with other incentive programs. Arah states that we need to advertise the Rain Barrel and Composter Reimbursement Programs as we are only seeing about two applications per year. Only one reimbursement is allowed per household.

Arah shared some details on the upcoming Re-Event. Everything will be the same as the spring event except for Styrofoam collection. Styrofoam will no longer be accepted. The city website has also been updated with this information. If citizens bring Styrofoam to the Re-Event, they will be given LiteForm's contact information.

Arah would like to plan a Tire Take Back Event. This will be discussed during the September meeting.

Sam shares that she has received complaints regarding the HHM hours at the CCC. Household Hazardous Materials can be taken to the CCC on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. no appointment needed. Items will still be accepted outside of these hours as additional staff will be trained to collect items on site. Citizens can call the CCC's main office line with any questions. This information will be updated on the city website and will also be posted on social media. We also have a lot of paint hardener to give away.

The group is asked to think about advertising ideas as well. This will be added on the September agenda to discuss.

There are currently two vacancies on the board.

Grace will be attending the Homestead Celebration on August 10th and will be sharing advertising items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m. with a motion by Grace Perrin seconded by Sarah Nelson, all voting aye.

Recorded by Estefani Valdez