

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting

September 12, 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:

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Environmental Advisory Board was called to order by Arah Montagne at 4:02 p.m. Meeting minutes from August 8, 2024, were approved with a motion by Sarah Nelson and seconded by Alex Johnson.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Roots for Siouxland Program Update: DNR is doing a similar project around the same time of the year. Danna thinks it's not necessary for us to have the Roots for Siouxland Program if DNR is already doing the same thing. Arah will update the website to reflect that DNR will be doing this project.

Fall Re-Event: The fall Re-Event will take place on Saturday, September 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Styrofoam will not be accepted. Arah will print off Liteform's information to give to citizens that show up with Styrofoam. Corinne thinks we should have traffic cones this year to help direct traffic. Danna would like to update the tally sheet to an easier to understand format. Danna will make the changes and send out to the group for thoughts. Arah reached out to a few groups to see if there is any interest in volunteering.

Glass Recycling: The glass containers are full, but numbers are still down. We need to come up with different ways to promote this. Arah reached out to Ripple Glass for new stickers but hasn't heard back. Facebook is a popular method that is used to get the word out, but you need to pay to boost your numbers. Arah explained the process with glass recycling. Gill Hauling takes the glass from the bins to the CCC and Bones Transportation comes from Kansas City, MO to empty the glass bunker at the CCC.

Tire Take Back Event: Arah is working on the logistics for this event. A trailer would be placed at the CCC and once the trailer is full the vendor would haul it away. This event would be free to the public. This may be an alternative if the group chooses not to proceed with the Roots for Siouxland Program. We have \$5,000 available for either option. Sarah moves to change the project idea from the Roots for Siouxland Program to the Tire Take Back Event. This motion is seconded by Alex all voting aye.

Incentive Programs: Sarah shares that September 20th is World Cleanup Day. We can have citizens send in before and after pictures of an area they cleaned up and their name will be entered into a drawing to win a composter or a rain barrel. The consensus in the group is to run this incentive program from September 24th through October 24th. Sarah will be making a flyer to

advertise this. Arah will post it to the city website and prepare a press release. Entries can be submitted via the EAB's Facebook or Instagram page. If citizens do not have a social media account, they can email their pictures to Arah at amontagne@sioux-city.org.

Arah is interested in working on the library tree beds alongside another group. Some partnership ideas are Master Gardners group or the Wild Ones. This can be an idea for Earth Day. We can ask for donations to plant some flowers.

There is a nice area by Sam's building on 4th Street. This would be a nice area to host an EAB fundraiser. We can invite different groups and hold a class about composting or rain barrels. Sarah also thinks it's a good idea to utilize the Farmer's Market since we can already set up a table there. We can schedule a workshop, and sessions can run every 30 minutes. We can also have someone with ISWEP come down and teach a class about rain gardens or swales. This can be paid with technical services funds.

Comments from Staff & Board Members

Sarah received a message about Styrofoam containers being used at food trucks. Arah explained what needs to be done for city council to approve a city ordinance. First, we would need to write a memo to council and do a presentation at a council meeting. The ordinance is prepared with the help of our Legal Department. A lot of research and preparation goes into this. We can send out a poll to businesses that use Styrofoam containers to try to obtain some more information for the presentation. This will be added to the October agenda for additional discussion.

The Planning and Zoning Commission would like the board's guidance on the environmental aspects of parking lots. Wade will be at the October meeting to talk about this.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m. with a motion by Sarah Nelson seconded by Alex Johnson, all voting aye.

Recorded by Estefani Valdez