

Environmental Advisory Committee
September 19, 2019 at 7 pm
Huntington Woods City Hall
Minutes
Call to Order: 7:08

1. Attendance:

Member	
Julie Petrik	X
Daniel Brooks	X
Mari Masalin-Cooper (Secretary)	X
Sarah Jo Sautter	Excused
Bridget McKinley	X
Saulius Mikalonis	Excused
Aaron Retish	Excused
Ben Falik (Chair)	Excused
David Egan	Excused
Sophie Hart (student representative)	X
Jules Olsman (Commission Liaison)	
Amy Hood (DPW)	X
Amy Sullivan (City Manager)	X
Public Participants:	

2. Welcome new student representative Sophie Hart

3. Approval of June 2019 Minutes - Unanimously accepted

4. Recycling Programs

- a. Food compost program – update on food composting media campaign. Reviewed Daniel’s long/short communications draft. Mari C. liked the short version. Amy H. said food waste goes to SOCRRA compost site and comes back so residents can pick up for free. She was alarmed to see that some folks were going to use the food compost containers to deposit dog poop. The Committee talked about putting together a media campaign to touch on all aspects of food composting. The Committee will brainstorm ideas of what needs to be communicated and the best method to get the message across like YouTube, the eblast, press releases, single messaging sayings. Amy H. said SOCCRA bumping their communication and will have a series of resources that HW can use like images and seasonal reminders about pumpkins, stalks. Bridget said we can feature a citizen spotlight on someone who composts. Roll something new out each month during yard waste season. Add new agenda item: Compost media communication. Build a campaign what we want to push. Each member should come back with two ideas/slogans/infographic. To complete and start by Spring. Amy H. said the Rec Center doing a gardening program on Thurs Oct 3rd, plant swap, same night as teen council and Park and Rec Master Plan. Make sure Rec has compost bins available for sale to residents

5. Green Infrastructure:

- a. Climate Mayor's update - Amy not getting a lot of information for city of our size .
- b. SEMCOG multi-community grant update - Amy S. reminded the committee about the grant to do things jointly like increasing pedestrian crossings, bike lanes and road diets with rain gardens. Road engineers determined that lane reductions were feasible. Planning Commission meeting September 23rd to learn how road diets work.

6. Zoning Ordinance

- a. Solar ordinance review update - Table next meeting
- b. Proposed ordinance on application of pesticides and fertilizers- Amy will bring draft for review and edits. Suggested EAC develop a pamphlet with recommendations on best practices or best sources for information. Amy S. suggested doing this after a successful Compost media campaign.
- c. Residential front yard landscaping standard – right now for new houses 80% has to be grass. What does EAC want to change if anything. Daniel reminded the committee they started discussing because grass takes up more energy of the life of the lawn because of mowing, fertilizers etc; overall make the soil more nutrient poor. Amy S. will resend original email discussion and review in the next meeting. Goal to reduce the use of grass and give residents choice

7. Public Participation - none

8. New Business - none

9. Committee member remarks - none

10. Next meeting: October 17, 2019

11. Adjournment: 7:55pm