

Environmental Advisory Committee
February 20, 2020 at 7 pm
Huntington Woods City Hall
Minutes
Call to Order: 7:04pm

1. Attendance:

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

2. Approval of January 2020 Minutes : Approved unanimously

3. Food compost media campaign: Need discussion about who is responsible and which/what social media/channel outlet. An Excel project management program with timeline, idea, channel, status, etc. was reviewed by the committee. Initially set up for weekly schedule potential timelines are under review.. Jeff J. thought we should explain the \$\$ value of composting as a media campaign item. Rain Barrel sale May 6th and needs to be promoted; along with the city promoted spearheaded by Tara. Bridget shared a great graphic, she prepared, on Composting and Recycling. Committee to determine where to distribute.

4. Green Infrastructure:

- a. Sustainability bonus concept: Aaron thought that we would talk about making property owners wanting to make their homes more sustainable, and provide a bonus or incentive to property owners retro fitting homes to be more sustainable. Committee will reschedule this agenda idea for another meeting so Amy S. can be present.

5. Zoning Ordinance

- a. Solar ordinance review discussion: Aaron R. we reviewed the ordinance language at the last meeting and suggested prohibiting panel exceeding 3 ft above the roofline. Committee agreed to remove section 1, 3 and 5 as they are a barrier to adopting solar. Committee agreed that there is no need for any language about the historic district because homes in the district are under a separate federal list of rules. Aaron R will send changes to Amy for approval and ask for a joint meeting with the Planning Commission.
- b. Add to our March agenda a discussion.
 - i. How do we present the ordinance change?
 - 1. Walk through the history of the ordinance change
 - 2. Reason for language
- c. Ordinance on application of pesticides and fertilizers update
 - i. Jeff J. 1st reading before the commission has taken place

6. Public Participation

7. New Business

- a. Mary Jo S. Berkley school district discussion about food services using styrofoam. Looking for a green alternative. Plastic trays cannot be used at every school because there is no way to clean. Jeff J. Could we ask the Teen Council for help? MaryJo stopped recycling, too complicated. BHS recycles using students to recycle paper and plastic bottles. Jeff J. Men's Club fund to benefit HW and Burton. BHS may be using commercial vendor for recycling. Julie B. wondered: are they objecting because of cost? MaryJo there are special instances where a plastic trays are not being brought back. BHS is an open campus and students buy their lunch. MaryJo will investigate cost and use. Pending a discussion as new agenda item.

8. Committee member remarks

9. **Consider rescheduling March 19 meeting;** Will not reschedule so we can meet with the Planning Commission

10. Adjournment : 7:58pm