

Environmental Advisory Board

Minutes of June 26, 2024

Members Present:

- **In person:** Andrew Musgrave; Dave Schmitt; Nathan Alley; Savannah Sullivan
- **Virtual:** Diana Hodge; Julie Shifman, Ericka Copeland, Susan Sprigg

Members Absent: Ashlee Young; Chad Day; Kylie Johnson; Rico Blackman; Tanner Yess

Staff Present: Oliver Kroner; Amanda Testerman; Molly Robertshaw

Meeting: A meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held on June 26, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Centennial II HR Conference Room B, 805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. **Public Comment**
- II. **Call to Order at 3:07 PM**
- III. **Administrative Action***
 - Approval of May 29, 2024 – Meeting minutes
- IV. **Information/Updates**
 - City FY 25 Budget passed by Council
 - Includes 12 FTE for OES, increase of 1.25 and \$5 million in capital for Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives
 - Connected Communities Public Document
 - Provided as part of public comment to Council; statement is attached in Agenda Packet
- V. **Open Discussion**
 - Next steps for Connected Communities
 - Public Comment document summarized how the Connected Communities policy supports the GCP, and where further action is needed. This included housing, stormwater and community engagement. Policies in these areas can be a continued focus of the EAB and the focus on policy to implement the GCP.
 - GCP Tracking – document to share with policy items highlighted
 - Agenda Packet includes GCP actions with current status and notes from OES team for on activities relevant to each action.
 - First page of the document is a sub-set of the actions which have a policy aspect
 - The EAB may choose to focus on these actions within the Committees (Environment & Sustainability) to further dive into these actions.
- VI. **Action Items***
- VII. **Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments**
 - *RFP063_2024: Clean Energy Solutions for the City's Electricity Load* released
 - Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Fund Grant
 - \$50,000 available to distribute as microgrants for youth led and youth serving initiatives. Applications due 7/15/24
 - Seeds of Change Updates
 - 19 proposals recommended for funding totaling \$196,769.
 - Awardees will be announced publicly on website in July 2024
- I. **Next Meeting**
 - Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 3:00 PM
- II. **Adjournment at 4:30PM**