ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

The Environmental Advisory Board of the City of Raleigh held a meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 303, Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 West Hargett Street, Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex, Raleigh, North Carolina, with the following present:

BOARD MEMBERS
Anya Gordon, Chair
Rob Gelblum, Vice Chair
Aranzazu Lascurain
Laurel Passera
Brian Starkey
Todd Kennedy
Larry Larson

STAFF
Megan Anderson, Sustainability Office
Cindy Holmes, Sustainability Office

VISITORS
Mary Abrams
Stuart Powell

ABSENT
Beverley Clark
Justin Senkbeil

CITY COUNCIL

I. Call to Order
Ms. Anya Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
The minutes from the September meeting were approved as amended.

III. Public Comment
Mary Abrams and Stuart Powell introduced themselves as visitors interested in the work of the board.

IV. Presentations
Urban Agriculture
Anya reviewed her recent Urban Agriculture Presentation and discussed the board approving a recommendation for an Urban Agriculture Plan. The board members agreed to a recommendation for an Urban Agriculture Plan. The board members asked staff to work on next steps for moving this recommendation forward.

Comprehensive Plan and UDO report
The board members agreed to send their written comments on the update to the Comprehensive Plan to Cindy by close of business on October 27, 2017. A draft of the report with the aggregated comments will be sent to the members in advance of the November meeting.

V. Staff Reports

Urban Agriculture Day
The 2017 Urban Agriculture Day is scheduled for October 21, 2017 at the Historic Mordecai Gardens Visitor Center. The event will include reports from the 2017 urban agriculture grant recipients, a reading of the Bee City Proclamation and a panel discussion on community gardens.

Environmental Awards Application
The board members reviewed the draft environmental awards application and agreed it included their suggested changes.

VI. Nominations

The board members discussed who was interested in serving as the Officers for the year ahead. Members agreed to let Cindy know if they were interested in serving and that they would vote at the November meeting.

VII. Other Business/Announcements

Megan discussed the upcoming Innovate Raleigh conference and whether the members would be attending. The conference overlaps with the board meeting and members agreed they would be attending the EAB meeting on November 9, 2017.

VII. Upcoming Meetings/Events

Presentation to City Council – October 17, 2017
Urban Agriculture Day – October 21, 2017
Next Meeting – Thursday, November 9, 2017
Environmental Awards Applications November 13- January 26, 2018
Environmental Awards Celebration - March 22, 2018

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.