ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

The Environmental Advisory Board of the City of Raleigh held a meeting on Thursday, August 10, 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
Rob Gelblum, Vice Chair
Beverley Clark
Laurel Passera
Brian Starkey
Justin Senkbeil
Todd Kennedy
Larry Larson

STAFF
Megan Anderson, Sustainability Office
Cindy Holmes, Sustainability Office
John Anagnost, Planning Department

CITY COUNCIL

ABSENT
Anya Gordon, Chair
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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 July meeting were approved.

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments received.

IV. Presentations

Comprehensive Plan Update
John Anagnost with the Planning Department provided the board with an overview of the Comprehensive Plan Update that is underway. He reviewed the schedule for comments. The EAB members agreed to submit written comments to Brian Starkey by September 7, 2017. The board will review all comments at the September meeting and then send them forward to the Planning Department by September 24, 2017.

V. Staff Reports

a. FY17 Annual Report
The board members reviewed the Annual Report and agreed to send in written comments prior to the September meeting.

b. FY18 Work Plan

The board members reviewed the draft Work Plan and agreed to send in written comments prior to the September meeting.

c. Celebration of the Earth Update

The EA Subcommittee of Larry Larson, Justin Senkbeil and Brian Starkey reported that they met and have some suggested changes to the event. The board members also suggested some new possible venues, including Chavis and Fletcher Parks. Staff agreed to visit a number of venues and report back to the subcommittee prior to the September meeting. There will be a detailed discussion about proposed changes at the September meeting.

d. Urban Agriculture Day

Urban Agriculture Day is scheduled for October 21, 2017 at the Historic Mordecai Gardens Visitor Center.

VI. Other Business/Announcements

a. Next Meeting – September 14, 2017

b. Urban Agriculture Day – October 21, 2017

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.