

Attendance: Mark Richardson, Bethany Gunnels, Jessica Heath, Brandon Alger
Council Liaison: Ross Gavin

Meeting Start (06:30)

- Approval of May 2019 minutes:
 - a. Motion: Jessica;
 - b. Second: Brandon;
 - c. Approval: Unanimous, 4-0

- **Chair report (Richardson):**
 - a. Bike Corral went well. We counted 87 tags of checked bikes. We could advertise it in the future for scooters, strollers, etc. Freebies went well and were good conversation pieces. Suggestion that we advertise earlier.
 - b. September 7th Bike Corral 11:30 to 6 - decision is pending volunteer interest. BEAC members will pursue volunteer commitments between now and August 2019 meeting where BEAC will discuss number of volunteers.
 - c. Berkley Draft Energy Plan - This will be discussed at council meeting on Monday, July 1. BEAC approved of the draft plan in May 2019 meeting, but did provide input on ways to optimize plan. Grant does not provide for an ability to revise plan; however, BEAC shall provide memo with plan.
 - d. Clinton River Watershed Council Water Towns Program - Madison Heights, Eastpointe, and Huntington Woods participate in this program and take advantage of Green Infrastructure. Berkley's inclusion would allow for access to resources which could prove beneficial. Committee will investigate what is expected of member cities and report back for potential recommendation of membership into the council.
 - e. Rain Barrels - Discussion on using Blue Barrel Rainwater system to bulk purchase and sell subsidized or provide them to residents for use.

- **Council report:**
 - a. Council approved the demolition of the ice arena. BEAC has advised council liaison that the contractor should collect environmental samples for soil and groundwater to test for coolant and other possible environmental contaminants that may have been lost to the environment as this is better to address during a demolition project than down the road during attempts at reuse.
 - b. Council plans to appoint two new individuals to BEAC at the next council meeting. Discussion occurred regarding the interest of sitting BEAC members in reviewing applications and providing recommendations to council. BEAC indicated that it was clear the decision rested with City Council, but would not be opposed to providing informal input on applicants.

➤ **Energy Plan - Continued:**

- a. Assuming council adopts plan, committee members need to consider how to make the plan a reality. BEAC would recommend a manager for this plan who could be both a facilities manager and an energy manager, possibly with other responsibilities. BEAC has entertained the idea that they could provide thoughts on a position description.
- b. Future details related to the continued development of Energy Plan will be on August 2019 agenda.

➤ **Recycling:**

- a. Electronics Recycling Day -- Informal unanimous support of holding an event, in Berkley, during the fall. Some details are that SOCRRA provides a contractor to host the event and the community would provide volunteers to run the situation. The city or committee would need to provide 6 to 8 volunteers to unload cars. The City would need to provide at least 1 employee from Department of Public Works. This would be roughly a 4 hour commitment.
- b. Recycler of the year -- Discussion on doing an Environmentalist of the Year award in lieu. No decision made regarding if this will happen. Award will be decided in October 2019 to be awarded on or around National Recycling Day, which is November 15th, 2019.

➤ **Old Business:** Old business is covered above.

➤ **New Business:**

- a. During the bike corral, a teacher at Berkley High School asked committee members if the committee would be willing to provide public outreach for students, potentially creating containers for different waste types. This topic may be further explored.
- b. Clinton Watershed Council cont. - BEAC is to reach out to the council and discuss what types of educational programs or resources exist that we could take advantage of.
- c. Planting Trees - Discussion regarding setting up a program to pay for the planting of trees. It was decided that BEAC would bring this up with Tree Board and see where this goes. If no action is taken BEAC may further investigate this before tree planting season (mid-late fall).

➤ **Public Comments:** A comment was related to "5G" cellular data waves and concerns regarding hypothetical concerns, with mention of FCC lawsuits. BEAC accepted comment and will further investigate to determine if committee can provide formal input or feedback related to the concerns.

Adjourn (Time: 8:05)