



MINUTES

OXFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Municipal Building 15 South College Ave. Oxford, Ohio 45056 First Floor Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

The Environmental Commission members in attendance at the Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024 meeting were: Jon Ralinovsky, Chair; Chantel Raghu, Vice-Chair and City Council member; Peggy Branstrator, and Justin Fain. A quorum was present. Members of the public present were Mollie Duffy.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Raghu

2nd: Mr. Fain

Vote: Unanimous

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the December 6th, 2023 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Fain

2nd: Ms. Raghu

Vote: Unanimous

Old Business

New Business

1. Discussion of project ideas for 2024/2025

The commission discussed priority projects for 2024 and 2025. Staff presented a list of projects for the commission to discuss and review. Ms. Raghu provided feedback that the conversation about commission priorities should be held after the council retreat. Staff shared that speaking with the commission now would inform the projects that staff proposed to Council for their consideration and feedback at the retreat. The commission discussed and loosely

prioritized the projects below, with the understanding that City Council's Retreat has not occurred yet.

The commission discussed the below list of projects. Depending on the project, the commission's role would vary. The goal of the prioritization process was to incorporate more public feedback into the projects staff pursue. List of Projects:

EV Readiness ordinance

The Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council, SOPEC, Membership

Recycling and compost education

EV Car ShareDevelop equity considerations for tree planting

Mini Grants

Power Purchase Agreements and Renewable Energy Credits with Miami

Weatherization with PUSH

Inflation Reduction Act Master Plan

2023 GHG InventorySpecialty Drop-off Day

Battery Recycling (Public and Departmental)

Land Acknowledgment / Informed environmental stewardship

Fleet EV Assessment

Promote 513Green Among Business

Access to Energy assessment

Access to energy plan

Access to energy goals

Zero Waste Events Policy

2. Prioritization of Projects for 2024

The commission determined their top 4 priorities for staff consideration, which are EV Care Share, Mini Grants, Inflation Reduction Act General Plan, and Access to Energy Assessment.

Two additional projects were identified as lower-priority projects: joining the Sustainable OhioPublic Energy Council and conducting a 2023 GHG Inventory.

Lastly, the commission expressed interest in an EV Ready Ordinance, a specialty drop-off day, and a zero waste events policy. The commission acknowledged staff capacity and offered to take a more hands-on approach to these topics.

3. Member Updates:

- City Council
- Planning Commission
- Parking and Transportation Advisory Board
- Climate Action Steering Committee

Did not discuss

4. Staff Updates

Staff shared that the OEPA grant application for recycling education was submitted.

5. Zero Waste City Events

The commission expressed interest in an a zero waste events policy through the project prioritization process. The commission acknowledged staff capacity and offered to take a more hands-on approach to policy making.

Adjournment

Approval of Adjournment: Ms. Raghu

2nd: Mr. Fain

Vote: Unanimous

The next Environmental Commission meeting will be on February 7th at 7 pm in the Municipal Building's first-floor conference room.