

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & SUSTAINABILITY

DUNEDIN COMMUNITY CENTER
1920 PINEHURST ROAD, DUNEDIN, FL 34698 (ABERDEEN MEETING ROOM)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30th, 2024, 6:00 PM

Officers Present: Kathryn Owen (Chair); Howard Gray (Vice Chair); Susan Dickison (Secretary)
Regular Members Present: Fiona Prosser, Patricia Blizzard, Michelle Birnbaum, Phil Wirth, Amy Dugan
Regular Members Unexcused Absences: Ryan Harris, Mike Costello, Doug Knapp
Alternates Present: N/A
Alternate Unexcused Absences: N/A
City Staff Present: Katherine Lachcik, Senior Administrative Assistant, (Acting Staff Liaison)
Other Attendees: Debby Sheldon, Barbara Thornton, Tom Dugard

Due to the CEQS vote at the June 2023 meeting, all absences will now be marked as “unexcused.”

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kathryn Owen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

1. **PRESENTATIONS:** None

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- a. Approval of Consent Agenda including the December 5, 2023 DRAFT Minutes – Chair Kathryn Owen announced the agenda item and asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Chair Kathryn Owen asked for a motion.

MOTION: Motion was made by Patricia Blizzard and seconded by Phil Wirth to approve the Consent Agenda including the [December 5, 2023 Minutes](#).

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Recommendations for legislation change for Duke Energy tariffs:** Review and comments of Howard Gray’s letter, “Energy Tax Consideration.”

MOTION: Motion was made by Chair Kathryn Owen and seconded by Michelle Birnbaum to be submitted to the City Clerk’s Office to then be sent to the City Commissioners and City Manager.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **EV Charging Station Program Update by Natalie Gass, Sustainability Program Manager:** Tabled due to Natalie Gass’s absence.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Vote on 2024 Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary:** The Committee opened up discussion and nominees. The new 2024 officers are: **Chair** – Howard Gray, **Vice Chair** – Phil Wirth, **Secretary** – Amy Dugan.
- b. **Vote on new member recommendations for City Commission:** Introductions of guests and members. Pat blizzard asked if there were any additional candidates to fill positions on the CEQS.

MOTION: Motion was made by Patricia Blizzard and seconded by Amy Dugan for the City Staff Liaison to reach out to additional candidates.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Hurricane Preparedness:** Amy Dugan discussed possible outreach to residents about hurricane preparedness. She will follow up with member Ryan Harris.
- d. **Update on Edgewater Pollinator Pathway:** Tabled for next meeting.
- e. **Stormwater update on the balance between wildlife and retention ponds:** Tabled for next meeting.
- f. **Next meeting agenda items:**
 - i. Vote on two alternate positions
 - ii. Hurricane Preparedness
 - iii. Update on Edgewater Pollinator Pathway
 - iv. EV Charging Station Program update
 - v. Stormwater update – wildlife corridor vs retention ponds
- g. **Attendance for January 2024 Meeting:** The Acting Staff Liaison recorded the attendance for the meeting as follows:

January 30, 2024:

Name	Position	Attendance
Kathryn Owen	Chair	Present

Howard Gray	Vice Chair	Present
Susan Dickison	Secretary	Present
Patricia Blizzard	Regular Member	Present
Fiona Prosser	Regular Member	Present
Ryan Harris	Regular Member	Unexcused Absence
Michelle Birnbaum	Regular Member	Present
Mike Costello	Regular Member	Unexcused Absence
Phil Wirth	Regular Member	Present
Doug Knapp	Regular Member	Unexcused Absence
Amy Dugan	Regular Member	Present

5. NEXT MEETING

- a. Tuesday, **February 27, 2024** at 6:00 PM. Location: Dunedin Public Library: 223 Douglas Ave, Dunedin, FL 34698 (Meeting Room A).

CITIZEN INPUT:

- a. Debby Sheldon shared her observations of storm impacts in and around Baywood Shores.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- a. N/A

ADJOURN MEETING: Chair Kathryn Owen asked to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM

MOTION: Motion was made by Phil Wirth and seconded by Susan Dickison to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dickison, Secretary

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**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & SUSTAINABILITY (CEQS)
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Tuesday, January 30th, 2024 | 6:00 PM | Dunedin Community Center

Position	Name (Print)	Signature
Chair	Kathryn Owen	<i>Kathryn Owen</i>
Vice Chair	Howard Gray	<i>Howard Gray</i>
Secretary	Susan Dickison	<i>Susan Dickison</i>
Regular Member	Fiona Prosser	<i>Fiona Prosser</i>
Regular Member	Patricia Blizzard	<i>Patricia Blizzard</i>
Regular Member	Ryan Harris	
Regular Member	Michelle Birnbaum	<i>Michelle Birnbaum</i>
Regular Member	Phil Wirth	<i>Phil Wirth</i>
Regular Member	Mike Costello	
Regular Member	Doug Knapp	
Regular Member	Amy Dugan	<i>Amy Dugan</i>
Guest	DEBBY SHELDON	<i>Debbie Sheldon</i>
Guest	TOM DUGARD	<i>Tom Dugard</i>
Guest	BARBARA THORNTON	<i>Barbara Thornton</i>
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