

City of Florence
Environmental Management Advisory Committee
March 20, 2014 ~ Regular Session 2:00 pm

The proceedings of the City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee were recorded on tape and on file at Florence City Hall.

- **Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda**

Chairperson (CP) Robert Forsythe called the meeting of the Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) to order at 2:00 pm. Others present included: Vice Chair Sharon McLeod, Committee Members (CM) Robin Sullivan, Sandra Davidson, Josh Haring, David Twombly (Central Coast Disposal), Dan Webb (County Transfer & Recycling), and Senior Planner Wendy FarleyCampbell (CoF). Committee Member Erika Bessey were not present at the meeting.

CP Forsythe asked the committee if they proposed any changes to the agenda, the committee had no changes to propose. VC McLeod motioned to accept the agenda, CM Davidson seconded. By voice all ayes, except for CM Bessey, who was absent. The motion passes.

- **Public Comments**

There were no members of the public present.

- **Approval of Minutes**

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CP Forsythe motioned to approve the minutes, CM Davidson seconded. By voice all ayes, except for CM Bessey, who was absent. The motion passes.

- **Greener Florence Award Marketing and Promotion**

- SP FarleyCampbell stated that the City has received one nomination from the Bridgewater Restaurant. She said that the award nomination solicitation has appeared in the City newsletter one of two times, has gone to the Chamber and KCST.
 - Webb asked what the deadline for application was. SP FarleyCampbell stated that the deadline was 5 pm, April 14, 2014 and that both businesses and organizations can apply.
 - VC McLeod asked if EMAC could come look at them after the deadline. SP FarleyCampbell stated that the Committee needed to look at the applications and vote either April 15 or 16 prior to the City Council packet deadline.
 - SP FarleyCampbell stated that anyone who would not be able to come in could have the applications emailed to them in order to vote.

- **Lane County Wasteshed Stakeholders Update**

- SP FarleyCampbell stated that she provided the letter to the Committee that was drafted by CP Forsythe and herself.
 - VC McLeod stated that it seemed like the response to the letter sent to the Lane

County Commissioners was a repetition of what had already been said at the Stakeholder's meeting.

- CM Sullivan asked who the primary author of the report was. Webb stated that Dan gave the presentation, but wasn't the person who wrote the study.
- CP Forsythe asked if SP FarleyCampbell wanted to draft another written response. SP FarleyCampbell stated that Dan offered meeting dates.
- CM Haring stated that the meetings available with Dan from Lane County Waste Management were March 19, March 26, and April 1.
- CP Forsythe stated that whether a meeting was scheduled or not, a written response needed to be drafted to Dan and decision makers. Webb asked if Dan reported directly to the Lane County Commissioners. SP FarleyCampbell stated that she believed he reported to the Lane County Public Works Director.
- Webb stated that DEQ set recycling requirements, which Lane County exceeded, and tipping fees were being increased by \$10. He said that Florence brought in \$900,000 of revenue, but the facility lost money. Webb stated that Lane County Waste Management prefers serving haulers with compacted loads because they can then load more of that material into their trucks to haul it away. He said that Lane County Waste Management has 80 full-time employees whose average wages are \$110,000 per employee and that is expected to go up to \$150,000 during this three year term. Webb stated that Cottage Grove is likely to opt-out of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Lane County and would take their refuse to Corvallis. He said that if Florence were to enter into a contract with them, Florence could receive service for under \$30/ton. Webb stated that Florence opting-out of the IGA would give the haulers some flexibility whether they take their loads to Corvallis, Lincoln County or continue using the Florence Transfer Site.
- VC McLeod asked if the reduction of tipping fees with these other facilities would make up for the cost of transporting refuse to those sites. Webb stated that it would.
- Webb stated that the City could opt-out of the IGA at any time with no consequences other than the loss of special events. He said that if the haulers could opt-out of this agreement, they would not need to increase fees for several years. SP FarleyCampbell stated that in addition, electronics recycling and Master Recyclers would likely not continue.
- Webb stated that self-haulers receive an extreme discount in relation to commercial haulers when thousands of vehicle trips could be eliminated by bringing those fees more in line. SP FarleyCampbell said that City residents are subsidizing self-hauler's trash service.
- CP Forsythe asked if the hauler's cost would drop from being able to dispose of recycling at the Transfer Site. Webb stated that they would, but could not dispose of recycling here because Florence does not sort/separate.
- SP FarleyCampbell said that she did not know when the next Lane County Board of Commissioners meeting was because the information was not on their website. She stated that the next City Council meeting was April 7. SP FarleyCampbell stated that she would inquire as to whether the City Council would like to see the letter from EMAC to Lane County before it is sent. CP Forsythe stated that he believed that the City Council should receive all written documents sent to Lane County as a courtesy. VC McLeod concurred.
- SP FarleyCampbell stated that she would be happy to carpool with anyone planning to go to the Lane County Waste Management meeting April 1, 2014.

- **Green Fair Preparation Update**

- SP FarleyCampbell stated that at the previous meeting, the Committee approved a budget expenditure for the Where to Recycle insert. She said that if this is something EMAC would like to continue doing, it might be possible to get a greater benefit out of it to possibly promote Greener Florence winners or another program.
- CP Forsythe asked what the date of the Green Fair was. SP FarleyCampbell and CM Davidson stated that the date of the event was April 26, 2014.
- SP FarleyCampbell stated that CM Bessey emailed the Committee stating that she would be available to help with the booth that day and if anyone else would like to help, to let her know.
- CM Haring asked if Lane County was still hosting HHW that day. SP FarleyCampbell stated that she had been incorrect and HHW was April 19th.
- SP FarleyCampbell asked if any EMAC members would like to staff HHW as well. CM MacDuffee stated she could help at Green Fair during the afternoon. VC McLeod and CM Davidson stated they could help with HHW. SP FarleyCampbell stated that she would send an email with booth scheduling.
- SP FarleyCampbell gave the hours of the HHW and Green Fair events.
- SP FarleyCampbell presented the example table for the Green Fair. She said that she thought that this table was larger than what was available.
- SP FarleyCampbell stated that there is about \$400 left in the EMAC budget.

- **Committee & Staff Discussion/Report Items**

- City Hall Kiosk
 - i. SP FarleyCampbell stated that many people who come in to recycle batteries are disappointed that they are unable to recycle alkaline batteries.
- PaintCare
 - i. CM Sullivan stated that things are moving very slowly because Habitat for Humanity has to sign a contract with PaintCare. He said that it would take some time to get the program up and running because of training and setup of the containers for paint. VC McLeod and CM Sullivan stated that once those are taken care of, everything should go smoothly. CM Sullivan stated that hopefully the program would be ready April 18th or 19th.
 - ii. SP FarleyCampbell stated that Roy Weedman will be presenting at the next EMAC meeting. CM Sullivan confirmed.
- EcNow Update
 - i. SP FarleyCampbell stated that she sent the Committee Chris Vitello's answers to questions asked during the presentation at the previous meeting.
- KAB Grant Update
 - i. SP FarleyCampbell stated that she had received a letter informing that the City had not received the Keep America Beautiful grant.

- **Other Items**

- EMAC congratulated CM MacDuffee on her receipt of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 22, 2014 2:00PM (This date was changed from April 22nd after some of the members had left the meeting. It was changed due to the number of volunteer hours to be performed by the committee in April for Greener Florence, Green Fair and HHW.

Adjourn

CP Forsythe motioned to adjourn. VC McLeod seconded the motion. By voice all ayes, except for CM Bessey, who was absent. CP Forsythe adjourned the meeting at 3:02.

APPROVED BY THE EMAC ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

Chairperson, Robert Forsythe

Date