

City of Florence
Environmental Management Advisory Committee
September 17, 2015 ~ Regular Session 2:04 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 Bonnie MacDuffee called the meeting of the Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) to order at 2:00 pm. Others present included: David Twombly, Wendy FarleyCampbell, Dan Webb, Erika Bessey, Josh Haring and David Lloyd. Larry Barney, Sharon McLeod, Sandra Davidson and Joan Delano were absent.

Guest: Celia Twombly

Chairperson MacDuffee asked the committee if they proposed any changes to the agenda, and there were none proposed

Public Comments

There were no members of the public present.

Chairperson MacDuffee asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2015 with the noted changes to the misspelled names of MacDuffee and Twombly. Bessey motioned to approve the minutes. Haring seconded. By voice, all ayes.

New Business

Green Fair – There was discussion about having bags available at the booth, the possibility of partnering with the Public Art Committee and the educational opportunities for the schools providing Washed Ashore workshops. There was discussion about when it should be held and it was decided that there should be a back brief and numbers should be figured and CP MacDuffee said she would follow up.

Household Hazardous Waste Preparation – FarleyCampbell said that the event was scheduled for October 23rd from noon to 5:00 p.m. and the 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and there was discussion regarding volunteer sign up. She said there would be posters coming over from Eugene to the Florence Transfer Site, the City would be sending out a flyer with every water bill, asked for other ideas to add to the flyer and CP MacDuffee suggested including information about the next Greener Florence awards. Web offered more copy paper when needed and said that CTR would provide the Roll-Off and the handicap port-a-john this year. There was discussion regarding parking,

Lane County Stakeholders – FarleyCampbell and Webb went to the meeting, distributed a fact sheet that had been provided and reported that most of the conversation had been around the new Senate Bill 263 that would have bigger impact to the metro areas but was good information to be aware of. Web went on to say that there was an emphasis on education and multi-family recycling and FarleyCampbell added that as the City's population grows it will be necessary to select and add more programs that give more consideration to the multi-family recycling, education material regarding contamination reduction and community recognition. Webb also reported that the trend for co-mingle products will see a drop to little or no value in the next five

years. There was committee discussion about future expectations and programs, CP MacDuffee informed the group about the Fresh Alliance and how they preserve and distribute meats, dairy and other food items from the Safeway grocery store that would otherwise be thrown away to the Food Share, it was determined that FarleyCampbell would look into adding that program to the annual report and there was brief discussion about possible involvement with local restaurants. FarleyCampbell continued with the 2017 deposit increase report on beverage containers, Twombly inquired about whether wine containers would be included and she indicated it only included water, sports, and so forth. FarleyCampbell concluded with the news of the 2017 return of the Grant Program with the new Senate bill and gave details of some of the goals and application criteria.

Old Business

2015 Goals - FarleyCampbell indicated that there was only one thing that she was asked to add and that was re-usable bag sponsorship, Webb asked if the City Logo would be added to the bags, MacDuffee said she would like to see that happen, FarleyCampbell added that there would be an additional cost involved and there was discussion regarding content, time frame and budget. Haring mentioned he was ordering bags for the Rhody Express and would let the committee know of the cost.

Goal 3, Objective 3 – FarleyCampbell discussed the final look at the questionnaire, stated a few of the changes that had been made to the verbiage and the survey platform Survey Monkey that would be used and she reiterated that the survey would be directed to restaurants, grocers, service stations and delis. CP MacDuffee said it would be good to add institutional such as the retirement facilities and the hospital to the list of recipients and Webb added that schools should be included. There was discussion about plastic bags, utensils and compostable use and education. There was also discussion surrounding the plan to get the survey out, FarleyCampbell indicated it would go out in October, Twombly expressed that he felt the survey should be upfront with questions regarding expanded foam with an added comment section to determine how hot of a topic it may be and the committee agreed.

FarleyCampbell distributed and reviewed the 5 page Frequently Asked Questions handout from Portland about banning bags, the categories to consider and research, alternatives, possible charges, definitions and what to call/label the ban. Twombly commented with his opinion of merchants on Bay Street regarding the maintenance of records and expressed he thought the ban should be established in specific zones and FarleyCampbell responded that there was a system in place and records were maintained annually however she did not feel Council would be in favor of maintaining records. There was brief discussion about reusable and marketing bags and the phase chart example regarding the flow of banning in the City. FarleyCampbell concluded that she would put together a code for evaluation and consideration and after the Committee had reviewed and responded she would take EMAC's recommendations to Council to be added to City Code

Committee Discussion / Report Items – City Hall Kiosk, Flo-Grow, Other

FarleyCampbell reported on behalf of Davidson that she had delivered 22 pounds of reusable batteries and more container caps than usual. She added that Councilor Ron Preisler had wanted to make sure the Committee knew he was absent due to being out of town.

Upcoming Events

Yard Debris – September 19, 2015

Octoberfest – October 3, 2015 FEC - Master Recycler's present with Durable Dishware

SOLV – October 22

Hazardous Waste – October 23 & 24, 2015

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 22, 2015 2:00PM

FarleyCampbell stated that Council requested EMAC attend a future work session.

Adjourn

CP MacDuffee adjourned the meeting at 3:18 pm.

APPROVED BY THE EMAC ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

Chairperson, Bonnie MacDuffee

Date