

City Of Birmingham
Regular Meeting Of The Ad Hoc Environmental Sustainability Committee
September 18, 2024

Commission Room
151 Martin Street, Birmingham, Michigan

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Birmingham Ad Hoc Environmental Sustainability Committee held on September 18, 2024. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.

1) Roll Call

Present: Harvey Bell, Lois DeBacker, Lara Edwards, Rachna Gulati (arrived 5:10 p.m.), Debra Horner, Joe Mercurio (arrived 5:04 p.m.) Jess Newman, Danielle Todd, Dani Torcolacci; Student Representatives Josie Carroll, Will Clemans

Absent: None

Staff: City Planner Blizinski; Planning Intern Aldred, Planning Director Dupuis, Assistant City Manager Fairbairn

2) Review of the Agenda

3) Approval of the AHESC Minutes of July 29, 2024 and August 19, 2024

Motion by DeBacker

Seconded by Bell to approve both of these minutes.

Motion carried, 7-0

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Bell, DeBacker, Edwards, Newman, Todd, Horner, Torcolacci

Nays: None

4) Study Session

A. SCAP Final Draft

PD Dupuis presented the item and answered informational questions from the AHESC.

AHESC member comments were as follows:

- The Plan could mention that there would be a chance of implementing a program similar to the RainSmart Rebates program in Birmingham in the near future. It would also enable the City to better measure how much water enters its retention basins.
- Since resident participation is mandatory for the Plan's success, more robust emphasis of the topic would be valuable. The necessity of community partners, such as Birmingham Public Schools, should also be further emphasized.
- The Plan's reference to developing a public engagement plan helps emphasize the necessity of individual and community participation. It could be moved to be the third priority.

- This Plan meaningfully advances Birmingham's sustainability practices and also sets reasonable goals. This Plan may also encourage other municipalities to create or expand their own sustainability processes.

The Board applauded staff for their work on the Plan.

Motion by Bell

Seconded by Horner to recommend that the City Commission adopt the Birmingham Green: Healthy Climate Plan and commit to aspiring toward a resilient and sustainable future.

Motion carried, 9-0

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Bell, DeBacker, Edwards, Newman, Todd, Horner, Torcolacci, Gulati, Mercurio

Nays: None

5) Open to the Public for Items Not on the Agenda

6) Miscellaneous Communications

A. Public Comment

Patrick Hillberg commented on the Plan.

7) Draft Agenda

8) Adjournment

No further business being evident, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.



Leah Blizinski, City Planner



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist