



Environmental Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

November 20, 2024 3:00 P.M.

Centennial II HR Conference Room A

805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Virtual Attendance through Microsoft Teams

Order of Business

- I. Public Comment**
- II. Call to Order**
- III. Administrative Action***
 - Approval of October 30, 2024 – Meeting minutes
- IV. Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments**

- V. Information/Updates**
 - Outlook after 2024 Election Results
 - EAB Board 2025 Membership Updates & Intentions
 - Update on EAB presentation to CEI Committee

- VI. Items for Vote***
 - January and February 2025 Meeting Schedule
 - Bylaw amendment for Board Member Attendance requirements

- VII. Presentations**
 - Presentation from Hillside Trust - Eric Russo (tentative)

- VIII. Open Discussion**
 - Environment & Sustainability Committee break-out groups
 - i. Determine deliverables for each sub-committee
- IX. Next Meeting**
 - The next EAB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 3:00 PM.
- X. Adjournment**

**Board Action Requested*

Agenda Packet Materials:

- Draft meeting minutes from 10/30/24
- Draft January and February 2025 Meeting Schedule
- Draft by-laws amendment for Board Member Attendance

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Minutes of October 30, 2024

Members Present:

- **In person:** Dave Schmitt; Ericka Copeland; Kylie Johnson; Nathan Alley
- **Virtual:** Andrew Musgrave; Ashlee Young; Julie Shifman; Susan Sprigg; Tanner Yess

Members Absent: Chad Day; Diana Hodge; Rico Blackman; Savannah Sullivan

Staff Present: Oliver Kroner; Amanda Testerman, Erin Kabel

Meeting: A meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held on October 30, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Centennial II HR Conference Room A, 805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. **Public Comment**
- II. **Call to Order at 3:05 PM**
- III. **Administrative Action***
 - Approval of September 25, 2024 – Meeting minutes
- IV. **Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments**
 - \$1M OKI Carbon Reduction Program Grant Awarded to install EV charging in 3 neighborhood business districts (Hartwell, Madisonville, East Price Hill)
 - \$1.5 M allocated for Green Bank
 - City Applied for \$5M ODOD Grant to demolish and remediate West Fork Incinerator, awaiting award notification
- V. **Information/Updates**
 - Presentation from Pete Bucher
 - NRDC Meeting update – Maddie Keating from NRDC met with 4 members of the EAB on 10/7/24 to discuss how EAB and NRDC can support efforts in reducing food waste. Maddie also presented at the Climate, Environment, and Infrastructure (CEI) Committee meeting on 10/8/24 – this meeting was recorded and the presentation is available for public viewing.
 - Update on EAB Comment on Futures Commission Recommendations - Nathan Alley is leading the coordination of this letter, incorporating feedback from stakeholders. Will have further update for November meeting.
 - CEI Committee has requested an update from the EAB, likely in November
- VI. **Open Discussion**
 - Environment & Sustainability Committee break-out groups to discuss potential next steps and actions for the committees.
 - i. Environment Group: Invite Hillside Trust to speak at future meeting; Recommendation for Council to request a report from the Administration reviewing options on policies to protect existing trees (supporting NE.4/NE.13/NE.15)
 - ii. Sustainability Group: Connect with NAACP EJC to identify what next steps are needed to codify climate equity (supporting CA. 3)
 - Request for future agenda items
- VII. **Items for Vote***
 - I. **Next Meeting**
 - Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM
 - II. **Adjournment at 4:31 PM**

Attachment 2

Environmental Advisory Board – Proposed Meeting Schedule

Proposed regular meeting schedule for January and February 2025:

- Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 3:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Suggestions for possible changes to bylaws:

Add language to EAB By-laws Article II, section F:

Option 1:

Every member of the Board is expected to attend a minimum of **two-thirds** of the meetings of the Board in any calendar year. Any member who fails to meet this minimum requirement will be presumed to have resigned.

Option 2.

Any Board member unable to attend a meeting shall notify the Secretary by telephone or e-mail at least one business day before the meeting. **Three or more consecutive** unexcused absences during any calendar year will result in the Secretary issuing a letter to the Board member seeking their resignation from the Board.