

Environmental Advisory Board

Minutes of May 29, 2024

Members Present:

- **In person:** Dave Schmitt; Savannah Sullivan; Rico Blackman; Tanner Yess
- **Virtual:** Andrew Musgrave; Ashlee Young; Ericka Copeland; Kylie Johnson; Nathan Alley; Susan Sprigg

Members Absent: Chad Day; Diana Hodge; Julie Shifman

Staff Present: Amanda Testerman; Indira Thompson; Rachel Bickett

Meeting: A meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held on May 29, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Centennial II HR Conference Room B, 805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Meeting Agenda:

- I. **Public Comment**
- II. **Call to Order at 3:07 PM**
- III. **Administrative Action***
 - Approval of April 24, 2024 – Meeting minutes
- IV. **Information/Updates**
 - Ashlee Dingler has provided her resignation from the EAB. The EAB is City Manager appointed. The vacancy for this 3-year term will be discussed with the City Manager for re-appointment.
 - Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Fund Grant – Presentation from Rachel Bickett & Indira Thompson
 - Seeds of Change Updates
 - Green Cincinnati Plan Tracking Dashboard – Climateview & Internal tracking dashboard
- V. **Open Discussion**
 - Connected Communities – board members discussed the proposed Connected Communities legislation (ordinance 202401146) as a follow-up to the discussion with CM Harris’ office in the April 24, 2024 EAB meeting.
 - Board members discussed the alignment of the proposed ordinance to the Green Cincinnati Plan, and potential policy needs that are not addressed in the proposed ordinance. Topics of discussion included stormwater, affordable housing, and green gentrification.
- VI. **Action Items***
 - Motion: A mini-team of EAB members to draft and submit a statement on “Connected Communities” and recommended companion policies to share with Council. Mini-team to consist of Savannah Sullivan, Rico Blackman, Kylie Johnson, Nathan Alley, Andrew Musgrave.
 - Yes – 8 votes; no – 0 votes; abstentions – 0 [PASSES]
 - Members not present for vote: Chad Day; Diana Hodge; Julie Shifman; Ericka Copeland; Susan Sprigg
- VII. **Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments**
- VIII. **Next Meeting**
 - Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 3:00 PM
- IX. **Adjournment at 4:38 PM**