



Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

5:30 P.M.

City Hall, Meeting Room 3

165 Church Street, 2nd Floor

New Haven, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Laura Cahn, EAC
Haegan O'Rourke
Andrew Minikowski, CT OCC
Giovanni Zinn
Henry Auer, EAC
Kathy Fay, EAC
Chris Schweitzer
Paul Chambers
Urn Pendragon
Mary Pasti
Iris Kaminski, EAC
Aicha Woods
Anstress Farwell
Kevin McCarthy, EAC
Dan Knudsen

I. Call to Order and Announcements

Reminder: EAC will not meet in July or August but we will testify at hearings including:

City Plan Commission 6/19 - outdoor light/sign zoning ordinance updates, city bag reduction plan

BoA Legislation Committee 7/9 - outdoor light/sign zoning ordinance updates

BoA CSEP 8/1 – city bag reduction plan

II. Approval of Minutes of May Meeting

HA moved, KM seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

III. Old Business

a. Committee Reports –

Lawn Chemicals - LC – Monsanto Roundup 3rd trial: \$2 billion verdict:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/13/business/monsanto-roundup-cancer-verdict.html>

Energy: CCA enabling resolution almost ready

Water – Andrew Minikowski says CT Office of Consumer Counsel has no jurisdiction over our municipal water, suggests we invite RWA Consumer Counsel to a meeting

Materials Management–

Transportation –

Soil –

Turf –

b. Plastic Bag Reduction Plan – please advocate for it at CPC and CSEP hearings

b. Updates on Pending Issues –

i. Light Pollution/Trespass Legislation – CPC hearing June 19

CSEP 8/1

ii. Wheeler St Transfer Station – Expansion application hearings: CPC 6/19,

iii. Plastic Bag Reduction Plan, hearings: CPC 6/19, CSEP 8/1

c. Educational Initiatives -

i. New Haven Bird/Native Plant Contest – artwork on view outside City
Plan Department

ii. Sustainability Bee – Barnard School in June

d. City and State Sustainability Initiatives -

i. NH Climate & Sustainability Framework – CSEP hearing 8/1

ii. Sustainable CT – 2019 application in process, Yale Undergrad Fellow Travis
Tran is working on it.

IV. New Business

a. goNewHavengo 2020: Moving Toward A Healthy Future – Chris
Schweitzer reported that Doug Hausladen’s department launched this initiative with a goal of
20% less driving in 2020. GZ – Westville bike lane project is out to bid. Construction will start
in the fall.

V. Presentation – Community Choice Aggregation

Andrew Minikowski, CT Office of Consumer Counsel

(handouts attached)

VI. Adjournment

FUTURE MEETINGS: Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4