

# Environmental Advisory Board

## 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 ODO 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**