

Environmental Advisory Board

Minutes of July 31, 2024

Members Present:

- **In person:** Andrew Musgrave; Kylie Johnson; Nathan Alley; Savannah Sullivan; Susan Sprigg; Tanner Yess
- **Virtual:** Ericka Copeland; Julie Shifman; Rico Blackman

Members Absent: Ashlee Young; Chad Day; Dave Schmitt; Diana Hodge

Staff Present: Oliver Kroner; Amanda Testerman; Purva Khanna

Meeting: A meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held on July 31, 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 3:07 PM**
- III. **Administrative Action***
 - Approval of June 26, 2024 – Meeting minutes
- IV. **Information/Updates**
 - 2021 Climate Equity Indicators Report – introduction, report included in agenda packet
 - Presentation from Purva Khanna: A Framework for updating Cincinnati’s Climate Equity Indicators Report
- V. **Open Discussion**
 - Policy questions & discussion – introduction to types of policies, how policy changes can be conducted and questions from Board Members
 - i. Questions from the Board: What is the role of the Park Board (or other Boards and Commissions) in setting policy?
 - ii. How does this board participate in different task forces?
 - Environment & Sustainability Committee discussion and break-out groups. The board separated into two working groups to discuss GCP actions with a policy-focus which could be visited first for policy recommendations.
 - i. Environment Group (Natural Environment, Resilience & Climate Adaptation, Zero Waste): Protecting forested/biodiverse areas; Incentive for green infrastructure; ZW 8: incentivize recycling and diversion innovation by increasing the cost of waste generation and disposal. Waste diversion for permitted events; improve multi-family recycling
 - ii. Sustainability Group (Buildings & Energy, City Operations, Community Activation, Food, Mobility): Action CA 3: “Support codification of climate justice and racial equity in City decision-making mechanisms.
- VI. **Action Items***
- VII. **Office of Environment and Sustainability Comments**
 - The Bloomberg Innovation Team (I-team) has selected a Civic Designer: Dr. Hoda Bandeh-Ahmadi who started this week, and a Director who will start in a few weeks. They will work in OES for the 3-year team of the Bloomberg American Sustainability Cities grant
- I. **Next Meeting**
 - Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 3:00 PM
- II. **Adjournment at 4:31 PM**