



AGENDA

**Environment Board
Room 2404 Lagoon Conference Room
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
2100 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60201
Thursday, September 12, 2024
6:30 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting:

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1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minutes)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5 minutes)

4. STAFF UPDATES (45 minutes)

- A. Deputy City Manager Introduction (S Ruger)
- B. Canoe Launch Update (M Poole)
- C. Healthy Buildings Ordinance Update (B Martin & K Drehobl Vega)

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (50 minutes)

- A. 2025 Action Agenda Brainstorming
- B. Parking Reform Options

6. TASK FORCE/SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES (15 minutes)

- A. CIT Update (P Scholl)

6. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: October 10, 2024

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Board members present: K Kavanagh, M Cotter, P Scholl, M Redfield, J Edinberg; K Topalov (virtual)

Staff present: C Pratt, E Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

6:37 called to order

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minutes)

Jerri Garl - Circularity in the Comprehensive Plan

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5 minutes)

6:43 Amended; Cotter moved, seconded by P Scholl. Approved unanimously.

4. STAFF UPDATES (60 minutes)

A. E Williams shared an update on Envision Evanston 2045.

J Edinberg inquired about youth participation in the process going forward.

Focus Groups are on the Envision Evanston website.

K Topalov asks for clarification of the phases moving forward and how the Environment Board can bring more people to events.

E Williams suggests community members “share their big ideas” on the website.

E Williams requests more specific feedback on Climate Resilient Infrastructure, Waste Circularity, Electrification of Existing Buildings, Environmental Justice.

5. ADJOURNMENT

7:50 K. Kavanaugh moved to adjourn; unanimous

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Project Title: Healthy Buildings Ordinance for Equitable Building Performance Standards

Applicant: City of Evanston, Illinois

Project Manager: Cara Pratt

Project Objectives: The City of Evanston is proposing a Healthy Buildings Ordinance that establishes building performance standards (BPS) for Evanston's largest buildings. The ordinance will regulate, educate, and provide a clear path for Evanston's largest buildings to comply with goals set out in our Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP). With DOE funds, the policy approach will efficiently reduce building emissions while ensuring equitable decision making, affordability preservation, workforce development opportunities, and cost savings.

Description: The proposed BPS regulates energy use intensity, onsite greenhouse gas emissions, and renewable electricity procurement for new and existing buildings over 20,000 square feet. End performance metrics are established with the passage of the ordinance, such as a 2050 final performance metric, with 5 year binding interim targets to ensure progress towards the goal is being made. Fines will be administered to incentivize compliance.

Methods: The City requests funds for 9 years. The project can be thought of in 3 phases, the first, pre-passage community engagement ending with passing the ordinance. Phase 2, design, communication, education, prioritization, and community leadership. In design, two new community stipend supported groups will be established. The Community Advisory Board (CAB), that will guide equitable use of DOE and fines funds, and Technical Committee (TC) will aid on technical aspects. The CAB and TC will collaborate to identify equity priority buildings that then receive audits and tailored prioritized checklists to aid with compliance. In phase 3, based on the audits the CAB and TC will select at least 8 demonstration projects with 3 different primary use types to receive up to \$1mil for building enhancements.

Impact: The proposed ordinance regulates buildings that contributed almost half of Evanston's emissions in 2022. Such a high impact ordinance creates opportunities for economic and workforce development due to the amount of work to be done. This will impact many community members through improvements in health, bill savings, comfort, and control. DOE funds reduce the risk of inequitable community engagement and impacts.

Major participants: The City will engage with relevant stakeholders throughout the engagement, design, and implementation of the ordinance. The City plans to continue partnering with Slipstream and the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance for technical assistance and community engagement. Climate Action Evanston will provide local engagement and promotion to make sure the CAB and TC are experts and representative. The City looks to align with and bolster existing work with: Rebuilding Exchange, Northwestern University, Oakton College, Cook County CPACE, IL Green Alliance, and the state of Illinois Governor's Office.

Commitments and goals of the Community Benefits Plan: The approach seeks to achieve procedural justice, empower community leadership, recognize workforce development needs, and partner with regional and local entities to bring benefits locally and globally. At least half of the funds will be used with two tracts of Evanston, to align with J40 requirements and foster an equitable start to a long term high impact policy.