

## **Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee (CESC)**

### **Minutes**

Tuesday 9/17/2024 12:00pm – 1:30pm at Cleveland Heights City Hall

Attendees: Appointed CESC members John Barber, William Hanavan, Mohammad Irfan, Tami Masuoka, Carly Beck, and Sean Terry, and Andy Boateng, Sustainability and Resiliency Coordinator, Kemp Jaycox, Kaela Sweeney, Melanie Nutter, and Councilperson Gail Larson. A quorum was present. Tami Masuoka led the meeting, John Barber took minutes.

The August minutes were approved as submitted, and will be posted on the City website.

Newly-appointed members Carly Beck and Sean Terry were welcomed with introductions. John Barber gave a brief on-boarding review of the Committee's charge and prior work (attached).

**CARP Progress and Upcoming Meeting:** Andy noted that Wednesday September 18 will be the third Community Workshop focused on solutions to issues prioritized in prior workshops. The output of this will be integrated into the final CARP document.

**Air quality and 2-stroke (2-cycle) engines**, including gas-powered leaf blowers

- Andy will continue his work on inventorying city equipment and replacement cycles, including Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments with an eye towards replacing gas-powered equipment with battery-powered equipment in this budget cycle.
- Andy is talking with city communications and others about updating air quality alert emails.
- Andy expects to have updates on both these initiatives at the October meeting.

**City Forestry operations and Tree Preservation** – Gail has not connected with the Law Director on the appropriateness of forming a subcommittee, a commission, an ad-hoc working group, or some other body to begin outlining goals and activities of the city Tree Commission. She and Andy will work to resolve this. Bill will continue his work in drafting goals and activities of this group, ask a representative from another city to attend our committee to describe that city's efforts, and solicit prospective citizen members.

**Municipal composting** – Catalina and Gail will provide a report to the Committee at the October meeting with 2025 budget implications as determined.

**ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance)** model for our work – Mohammad presented an overview of ESG concepts and reporting (presentation will be stored on the Committee drive). The Committee discussed how this could be useful in CH's efforts – Mohammad emphasized that each entity can (and should) pick the aspects most applicable and begin measuring and reporting on those aspects. The Committee agreed to move forward exploring how to apply this to CH. Mohammad will continue providing implementation recommendations to the Committee on a regular basis. The Committee agreed to explore construction of a dashboard for measurements. Kemp noted he'd done this for City of Cleveland some time ago.

The Committee agreed to meet next on October 15, 2024 at 12:30 – 2:00 pm in the Executive Conference Room in City Hall. **NOTE NEW MEETING TIME.** Catalina will coordinate with city calendar.

Submitted by John Barber