

Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee (CESC)

Minutes

07/15/2025 2:00 – 3:30pm at Cleveland Heights City Hall

Attendees: Appointed CESC members John Barber, Carly Beck, Mohammad Irfan, Tami Masouka, Sean Terry, and Catalina Wagers, and Andy Boateng, Sustainability and Resiliency Coordinator, Kaela Sweeney, and Councilperson Gail Larson. A quorum was present. Catalina Wagers led the meeting; John Barber took minutes.

CESC Contact Form Submissions

The committee reviewed outstanding submissions from the CESC Contact Form.

- . Emily Bean – Commercial Recycling in the Cedar Lee SID – Andy announced that a pilot commercial recycling program would be launched by 8/1.
- . John Barber - potential increased litter as a result of DORA – closed – no issues reported.

Catalina will communicate committee feedback to submitters.

Discussion Topics

- Christopher Brace presented his thoughts on encoding limitations on outdoor light temperatures in rental properties. The committee agreed further discussion was warranted, that this was a bigger issue than just rental properties, and a focus group could be the next step.
- Ann Sherif, Helen Liggett, and Lou Mande presented ideas on evaluating and categorizing city-owned properties as permanent green space. They used the property at the top of Cedar Hill as an example. The committee suggested further discussions with the Planning Department.
- Kaela Sweeney presented the city library's work with the Sustainable Libraries Initiative, giving multiple examples of ongoing projects in the library system. She asked for ongoing sharing of ideas and resources with the committee.

CESC Initiatives

- Andy reported that the city Marketing and Communications Department did not accept the committee's recommendation on advising no use of 2-stroke engine landscaping equipment (gas-powered leaf blowers and trimmers) on air quality alert days.
- Councilwoman Larson reported an RFP has been issued for municipal composting.

The committee approved the minutes for the March, April, and June meetings. (No meeting was held in May.). The committee agreed that Roberts Rules of Order would be followed for meeting minutes.

Mohammad Irfan requested to change the time of CESC meeting due to conflict with his teaching schedule.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm

Submitted by John Barber