

Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee (CESC)

Minutes

08/19/2025 11:00am – 12:30pm at Cleveland Heights City Hall

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

The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Air Quality Notification Recommendation: Andy clarified that the recommendation has been shared with the new city communications person, and that he anticipates that it will be included in air quality alerts issued by the city going forward.

CESC Contact Form Submissions

The committee reviewed outstanding submissions from the CESC Contact Form.

- Paula Embury – Subject RFP Composting Comment/Question. The city issued an RFP for citywide composting drop-off sites. One firm responded and a contract is pending in the Legal Department.

Catalina will communicate committee feedback to submitters.

Discussion Topics

CESC Initiatives

- The committee approved the document Inclusion as Stakeholders Plan. Gail recommended it be forwarded to Council President Cuda and herself as next steps. Catalina will do so.
- Catalina noted issues with city trucks idling on construction sites in violation of the city anti-idling ordinances. The Mayor's Action Center should be notified when this is observed so that it can be formally tracked.

Discussion topics follow up: Light Pollution (C. Brace) - Andy will arrange a cross-departmental meeting to discuss amending code regulating light temperature on outdoor lighting. John will help draft communication. Catalina will reach out to Mr. Brace to provide an update on CESC's next steps.

The next meeting will be September 17th at 4:00, contingent on committee members approving the new time to strive for all in person. Coordinator Boateng will run the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm

Submitted by John Barber