

**Environmental Commission Meeting**

**Thursday, July 26, 2007**

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Council Chambers – City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
City of Ann Arbor, MI

**Agenda**

<b>Environmental Commissioners</b>		<b>Present</b>
<b>Steve Bean (Chair)</b>		J
<b>Rita Loch Caruso</b>		J
<b>Malama Chock</b>		
<b>Ron Emaus</b>	Planning Advisory Commission	J
<b>John German</b>		
<b>Chris Graham (Vice-Chair)</b>		
<b>Gwen Nystuen</b>	Parks Advisory Commission	J
<b>David Stead</b>		J
<b>Margie Teall</b>	City Council	J
<b>Wendy Woods</b>	City Council	J
<b>David Wright</b>	Energy Commission	
<b>Matthew Naud</b>	<b>Staff Environmental Coordinator</b>	

- A) Call to Order
  - a) Welcome new member Gwen Nystuen
- B) Roll Call of Members
- C) Amendments and Approval of the Agenda – Commissioner Stead moved, Commissioner Emaus seconded, approved
- D) Public Comment - none
- E) Special Presentations - none
- F) Reading and Approval of Minutes - none
- G) Unfinished Business as Listed on the Agenda
  - a) Mallett's Creek Association Watershed Recommendations - postponed from May Meeting – approved unanimously as amended
- H) Commission Proposed Business
- I) Staff Proposed Business
- J) Report of the Administrator and Council
- K) Items from the Environment Staff – Staff discussed the new stormwater rate structure, rainbarrel distribution by the Huron River Watershed Council, the possible need for monitoring wells in Veterans Park, and the Huron River and Impoundment Management Plan.
  - a) Discussion of City Code change allowing 13 members
  - b) Discussion of City Council approval of Environmental Action Plan Goals

- L) Items from the Park Advisory, Energy, and Planning Commission Representatives
  - a) Parks – Dog Park Update
  - b) Energy – City Solar City Planning grant for \$200,000
  - c) Planning – Flood Management Resolutions and Ordinance
- M) Reports of the Chair and Committees
  - a) Huron River and Impoundment Management Plan – The committee held a visioning session and developed three subcommittee on aquatic vegetations, dam management, and recreation to fact find issues.
  - b) Natural Features – Will be looking at invasive species issues including a new pine beetle found in Michigan.
  - c) Solid Waste – Commercial Recycling Committee will begin in the fall to develop strategies.
  - d) State of the Environment
  - e) Transportation
  - f) Water
- N) Public Commentary - none
- O) Adjournment

#### 2007 Meeting Schedule

August 23  
September 27  
October 25  
December 6

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE MALLETT'S CREEK ASSOCIATION'S  
APRIL 2007 WATERSHED RECOMMENDATIONS**

Whereas, The Malletts Creek Association is a citizen organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of Malletts Creek and its receiving watercourses, South Pond and the Huron River; and

Whereas, Malletts Creek Association's Management Plan was adopted by the City of Ann Arbor in 2000; and

Whereas, The major recommendations of the Management Plan have been successfully implemented; and

Whereas, Malletts Creek Association has consulted with many city, county and township experts and administrators in developing new 2007 Watershed Recommendations to achieve the goals of the Management Plan; and

Whereas, Many of the new recommendations have also been proposed or initiated by various agencies of the City of Ann Arbor, including various Commissions, citizen advisory groups, the Malletts Creek Coordinating Committee, and other local governments in Michigan;

Whereas many of the recommendations are applicable to all watersheds

RESOLVED, The Environmental Commission recommends that City Council review these recommendations for applicability to other watersheds in Ann Arbor;

RESOLVED, That the City of Ann Arbor Environmental Commission endorses the concepts and strategies in the Malletts Creek Association's April 2007 Watershed Recommendations and recommends the Ann Arbor City Council accept the recommendations and work with relevant offices and jurisdictionsto develop an implementation plan.

<b>Environmental Commissioners</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Steve Bean (Chair)	J			Gwen Nystuen	J		
Rita Loch Caruso	J			David Stead	J		
Malama Chock			J	Margie Teall	J		
Ron Emaus	J			Wendy Woods	J		
John German			J	David Wright			J
Chris Graham (Vice-Chair)			J				