Summary
Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB)

March 13, 2020

Decatur Recreation Center
231 Sycamore Street
Decatur, GA 30030
8:00am-10:00am

Present: Michael Black (Chair), David Malkin, Meisa Salaita, Mary Jane Leach, Susan Montgomery, Steve Blackburn
Vacancies: 3
Staff: David Nifong, David Junger, Sean Woodson

• Public Comment
• Board Management
  • Approval of Minutes
    On a motion by Blackburn, second by Montgomery, and all voting “aye,” the February 20th minutes were approved.
  • Staff updates
    Staff provided updates on plans for a summer intern, previous grant applications, the 2020 Strategic Plan, and appointments to the Board.

• Committee Updates
  • Natural Systems
    Update included plan for Legacy Park habitat walk and discussion of priorities for the April meeting with the City Arborist, as well as questions about the Legacy Park Dairy Barn.
  • Education and Outreach
    The Board was updated on recent developments in planning for the April 18th Earth Day celebration, which has since been postponed due to the coronavirus. Discussion also included the Decatur Focus and how to best frame future content submitted by the Board.
  • Energy and Transportation
    Update included discussion its Climate Action plan budget request.
  • Resource Conservation
Update included the recent Decatur Focus article regarding the Single Use Plastic Survey and efforts to survey and engage the Decatur business community,

Board Business

• City of Decatur Sanitation Fee – Staff
  City staff updated the board on the recently adopted Sanitation Fee, which increased from $290 to $300 from the previous year. The increased fee reflects the potential cost of recycling with the city’s current processor, Pratt Industries. Staff plans to work with the Resource Conservation committee to create a plan for the city’s sanitation services and community outreach and education.

• Composting Feasibility Study - Staff
  Staff provided an update on the Composting Feasibility Study and next steps. Discussion focused on the Waste Characterization Study, which will provide more accurate estimates of compostable materials currently being sent to landfill, and the need to tie considerations about composting to broader waste reduction/Zero waste goals.

• Green Focus Insert
  Brief discussion of this summer’s Green Focus Insert format, content leads, and deadline.

• Adjourn