# Environmental and Sustainability (ESB) Board Meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2017 Bellaire City Hall Council Conference Room

# **Meeting Minutes**

### A. Opening

The regular meeting of Environmental and Sustainability Board (ESB) was called to order at 6:38PM on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, by Jason Wintz, Chairman. There was a quorum of members present.

#### **Members Present**

Joe Burris Michelle (Micki) Mastin Johanna Moran Jonathan (Jon) Palmer George Williams Jason Wintz

## **Non-Voting Members Present**

Shawn Cox, Administrative Services Manager, Bellaire Public Works

#### **B.** Public Works Update:

- 1. Shawn Cox provided the Board with a printed Public Works Update, which he said he would provide monthly to expedite reporting from Public Works at the ESB meeting. A copy of that report is attached to these minutes and made a part of the minutes.
- 2. Shawn also advised the Board that the city is now actively involved in the water meter replacement project. About 10% of the total residential meters have been replaced, and the city's team has refined and improved its processes based on early experiences in this complex project.
- **C. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the Board meeting of April 5 2017 were approved unanimously.

#### **D.** Board Business:

- a. Letter to the City Council and the City Manager: With no further changes, the Board confirmed its earlier decision to present the letter "A New Paradigm for Bellaire" to City Council, with hopes that it will cause Council members to take positive action to insist on native plantings in Bellaire city parks and other public areas.
- May 13 Recycling Event: Confirmed that this event will be held on May 13.
  Because ATRS has not responded to any ESB or Public Works inquiries, ESB

- will look for a replacement textile recycling vendor for the next event, to be held later in 2017.
- c. Design of Truck Wrap for new garbage trucks: Tabled until June meeting, at which time George Williams will present alternatives for Board consideration.
- d. ESB Duties and Future Projects: there was some discussion of the apparent lack of interest by the public and by City Council in ESB meetings and ESB activities. After limited discussion, this issue was tabled also, as Jason asked all Board members to offer suggestions at the next meeting for improving ESB's relevance to Bellaire.

#### H. New Business -

1. No new business.

## I. Adjournment --

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 7, 2017.

Minutes submitted by: Jonathan Palmer