

Minutes of the 839th Meeting
“Celebrating Over 60 Years of Continuous Environmental Excellence”
Alexandria Renew Enterprises
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 20th, 2016

On Tuesday, December 20th, at 6:00 p.m., the regular meeting of the Alexandria Renew Enterprises (AlexRenew) Board of Directors was held at Alexandria Renew Enterprises in the Ed Semonian Board Room at 1800 Limerick Street with the following present:

Members: Mr. John Hill, Chair
Mr. Bruce Johnson, Vice Chair
Mr. William Dickinson, Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Thomas Van Wagner, Member
Mr. James Beall, Member

Staff: Ms. Karen Pallansch, Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Lisa Van Riper, Chief of Enterprise Communications
Mr. Sean Stephan, Chief of Sustainability
Ms. Lisa Reynolds, Chief of Engineering and Planning
Mr. Robert Oshode, Controller
Mr. Hans Bailey, Senior Customer Service Manager
Ms. Grace Richardson, Sustainability Coordinator
Ms. Lorna Huff, Secretary to the Board

Fairfax County Representative: Mr. Shahram Mohsenin, Branch Chief
Fairfax County Wastewater Planning & Monitoring Division

City Representative: Ms. Erin Bevis-Carver, Division Chief
Office of Environmental Quality

Counsel: Mr. Jonathan Rak, McGuireWoods, LLP

Presenter: Mr. Anthony Kane, Vice President
Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI)

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

The Chairman reviewed the changes to the mailed agenda and requested a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Johnson moved approval and Mr. Beall provided the second. The Board unanimously approved.

Educational Discussion – ISI Envision Award

The Chairman recognized Ms. Pallansch who introduced Mr. Anthony Kane, Vice President of the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI). Mr. Kane congratulated AlexRenew on receiving the Envision Award for the construction of the NMF, and recognized Ms. Richardson for her efforts on AlexRenew’s behalf. He reported that AlexRenew received a Platinum Envision Award, the highest designation, for the NMF. The NMF is the first project in both northern Virginia and the Washington metropolitan area, as well as the third wastewater treatment plant in the country, to receive an Envision Award.

The ISI was started in 2011 as a venture among the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American Public Works Association (APWA), and the American Council of Engineering Companies. The organization's mission stresses the importance of updating current infrastructure so that the projects become more sustainable to meet the challenges of climate change, diminished resources, and population growth. Mr. Kane reviewed Envision's achievement levels of Bronze, Silver Gold and Platinum and the scoring and credit criteria used to evaluate projects. Components of the Envision program include independent third party review, self-assessments, and the percentage of points required by each criterion for eligibility.

Board members inquired about the 60-credit allocation process, program definitions and the primary difference between LEED projects and the Envision designation. Mr. Kane reported that LEED focuses more on buildings. Envision's focus is on various types of civil infrastructure projects including water, wastewater and stormwater facilities, airports, seaports, rail, etc.

There were no additional questions or comments. Mr. Kane presented the Envision Platinum Award to the Board of Directors of Alexandria Renew Enterprises. The Chairman thanked Mr. Kane for his participation.

Educational Discussion – Applying Envision to the NMF

The Chairman recognized Ms. Grace Richardson of AlexRenew. Ms. Richardson introduced the members of the CH2M team, who worked with AlexRenew on the construction of SANUP and the NMF, and thanked them for their support.

Ms. Richardson reported on the planning and implementation process for SANUP and the NMF. She described that sustainability was a priority in the program development for SANUP and the NMF. As part of AlexRenew's decision model, the sustainability categories of energy reduction, greenhouse gas reduction, site development with an emphasis on the natural environment, elimination and reduction of chemical hazards to human health, stormwater management, usage of environmentally preferable materials, and public involvement in the design and development phases of the projects were defined from the outset and compatible with the ISI Envision model.

Mr. Hill noted that the work with ISI and LEED can provide guidance and influence how programs and projects are viewed. Mr. Johnson asked if ISI had requested feedback from participants on how to improve the process. Mr. Kane reported that the organization solicits feedback from participants. Mr. Van Wagner suggested that over time, AlexRenew find a way of quantifying how AlexRenew community engagement affects sustainability efforts in the community. Mr. Hill congratulated the CEO on her leadership in achieving the award.

There being no additional questions or comments, the Chairman moved to Board Reports.

Board Reports

A. Chairman's Report

The Chairman recognized Mr. Thomas Van Wagner, noting that this is his final meeting after serving on the AlexRenew Board of Directors for 16 years. He thanked Mr. Van Wagner for his service and presented him with a plaque and two gifts commemorating his service to the Board and City. He further requested that Mr. Van Wagner say a few words about his time on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Van Wagner reflected on his tenure on the Board and thanked City Council for his appointment. He further reported on the hard work performed by the staff and CEO and his pleasure on being a part of the organization. He noted and complimented the CEO on over 1 million hours without a lost time accident.

B. Vice Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

C. Finance Committee

Ms. Pallansch reminded the Board of the Finance and Audit Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, January 9th.

D. Governance Committee

Nothing to report.

The Chairman moved to the CEO Reports and Recommendations.

CEO's Reports and Recommendations

A. Consideration of November 2016 Financial Report

Mr. Hill reported that the financials were positive for the month. He requested questions or comments from the Board. Mr. Dickinson noted an increase in sludge disposal on page three of the report. Ms. Pallansch reported that it was due to the cleaning of one of AlexRenew's digesters.

B. CEO Monthly Report (November)

Ms. Pallansch noted her CEO report and asked if members had questions or comments. There being none, she distributed several handouts, including an article summarizing the status of the Flint, Michigan water crisis. She also highlighted an article in the Chesapeake Bay Journal in opposition to the City of Alexandria's long term control plan.

Ms. Pallansch then requested permission from the Board to offer a science event in the Environmental Center and lobby spaces as a raffle prize for First Night Alexandria. The Board approved.

The Board discussed AlexRenew's recent community outreach efforts, social media engagement, and the build-out of the communications team. Mr. Dickinson reported on the quality of AlexRenew's bill stuffers and stated that the flyers are helpful. Mr. Hill has requested that AlexRenew focus on providing metrics around community engagement: How engaged are our citizens and how can we quantify their engagement?

There were no additional questions or comments. The Chairman moved to the Consent Docket.

Consent Docket

Mr. Hill inquired whether members had any questions or comments on the Minutes. Mr. Dickinson requested that on page two, the second line of the Minutes be edited to indicate that "City staff proposes that currently untaxed properties be required to pay stormwater fees." The Board concurred. Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Beall provided the second. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Docket which contained:

A. Minutes of the November Board Meeting

There being no further questions, the Chairman moved to Unfinished Business.

Unfinished Business

A. None

There being no Unfinished Business, the Chairman moved to New Business.

New Business

A. Closed Session

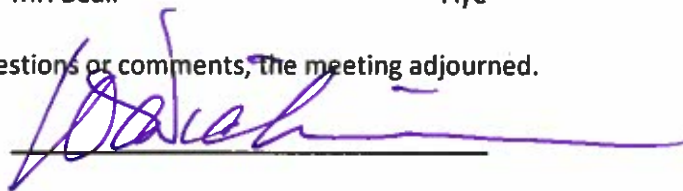
The Chairman convened a closed session for "Discussion or consideration of real property acquisition for public purposes, or the disposition of publicly held property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the public body" pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)3 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Upon motion by Hill and seconded by Mr. Beall, the Board voted unanimously to enter in to a closed session.

The meeting returned to open session and the following certification was unanimously adopted by the members: "Pursuant to 2.2-3712(D) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, it is hereby certified that to the best of each Member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Act, and (2) only public business matters identified in the motion by which this closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Alexandria Renew Enterprises." Motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Beall. All Members present voted via roll call:

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Van Wagner	Aye
Mr. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Dickinson	Aye
Mr. Beall	Aye

There being no additional questions or comments, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Secretary-Treasurer