

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 19, 2018

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: June 19, 2018
Called to Order: 7:34 p.m.
Adjourned: 10:22 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Adam S. Kreuzer	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Ed Crawford	Commissioner	Present
Adrienne Gregory	Commissioner	Present
Michael Malone	Commissioner	Present
David T. Meehan	Commissioner	Present
Brook Ryan	Commissioner	Absent
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present
John W. Zelasco	Commissioner	Present
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	Absent

Also Present:

Peter Blatchford	Student Intern	Present
Bill Enright	Liaison Trustee	Present
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	

Public Present:

Maryrose Pavkovic	Chicago Public Art Group	
Brian McGlade	Chicago Public Art Group	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **June 19, 2018** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at **7:34 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 15, 2018 MEETING – Approved

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 4/17/2018

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Zelasco

SECONDER: Commissioner Malone

IV. GUEST PRESENTATIONS – The Tube – Commissioner Meehan introduces Representatives Maryrose Pavkovic and Brian McGlade from the Chicago Public Art Group. Pavkovic explains what the Chicago Public Art Group is. CPA is a 7 year organization that started off with murals and has expanded beyond murals to sculptures, fixtures and environmental earth mounds. CPA has done over 1,000 projects around Chicago. Our mission is to bring community and artist together to form a meaningful piece of artwork that represents the community. We have 15 core artists. The process will begin with the artist holding workshops with the community to gather ideas and then will bring the art back to the community for approval and or changes. The number of workshops held will depend on how large the project is.

Commissioner Meehan adds that he likes this process because we have a voice in what the theme is and what it will look like. We could get the residents and schools involved in the art instillation. Commissioner Meehan asks what the time frame would be for a Tube project. Pavkovic states anywhere from 3-5 months with tile instillation taking about 2-3 weeks. Meehan recaps process, the Tube can be built and the art instillation does not have to coincide with the building of the tunnel. It would be on its own timeline. Pavkovic adds there is a design portion cost typically \$5,000 and a fabrication portion cost. These could be different contracts and could be done in phases and parts with respect to paying for the project. Commissioner Gregory asks if CPA has done work for other municipalities and if so can we take a look at a typical contract. Pavkovic said yes. Assistant Village Manager Holmer asks CPA to come up with what a timeline would look like for this project.

Chairman Kreuzer asks about tile durability with train traffic. McGlade, the instillation expert, states that he doesn't anticipate it to be an issue but would leave that answer up to the engineers. Kreuzer also asks CPA if they are aware of any grants that we could pursue. Pavkovic states that Aetna has grants and will look into other grants. Commissioner Umlauf asks CPA how they would fundraise for this project. Pavkovic states you could show the design and raise excitement that way. You could also put the larger funders on tiles that could be placed on the artwork.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Monarch Pledge – Chairman Kreuzer will follow up with Diane to get this pledge signed off on.
2. Municipal Aggregation – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that the current aggregation agreement goes through October. If the rates don't show it is worthwhile, then the village will not want to go forward on this. Chairman Kreuzer asks Assistant Village Manager Holmer to see if the Environmental Commission can be a part of this process. Commissioner Abeln adds that we can get 100% green and still get the good rates.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. *Arts & Art Reach Subcommittee Report, Adrienne Gregory.* Commissioner Gregory reports that we would like to get more issues out there to the public. Umlauf adds we would like to promote environmental issues and we need to know where we should put our efforts and would like more structure from the village. Chairman Kreuzer asks Assistant Village Manager Holmer for more support from the village on the EC's current projects as well as using the EC as a resource for village projects that effect the environment. We need more forward thinking with respect to the environment.

1. The Tube – Chairman Kreuzer asks Trustee Liaison Enright how we go about moving this project along. Assistant Village Manager Holmer adds the village supports this project. Trustee Liaison Enright states we need to get this on the board agenda and we would get the board to commit some money for the design phase. He asks that Commissioner Meehan attend that board meeting. Assistant Village Manager Holmer states he will take this back to Village Manager Franz and will ask how he would like to move on this project. He will also get the construction timeline for the tube.
2. Status of Revisions to Sign Code – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that the sign code will be rewritten to eliminate the painting on buildings language.
3. Glen Ellyn Fund- Commissioner Malone reports that May was a good month. We received \$87,000 in gifts, pledges and matches. We are hitting a marketing sweet spot with our demographics in identifying who would like to donate. We are aiming for planned gifts and gifts of assets. Proof of concept seems to be what motivates people to give. The big gift we received motivated the DuPage Foundation and we now have their buy in. The DuPage Foundation has agreed to match for another year.

B. *Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report – Jennifer Umlauf*

1. Native Landscaping Garden Walk – Commissioner Umlauf reports that the garden walk will take place on Saturday June 23rd. We spent \$150.00 on thank you gifts.

2. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan – Commissioners Umlauf and Ryan met with the Public Works department about the property trees and offered specific ways we can lend our expertise on how we can build our canopy. Chairman Kreuzer adds our tree canopy has always been a concern. We are losing trees around Lake Ellyn's east shore. Over the past 7-8 years we've increased housing while diminishing our tree canopy. This proposal theoretically recognizes, improves and preserves the tree canopy on private land. Chairman Kreuzer adds we are inviting the village to help with this preservation through a resolution or through ordinances. Commissioner Ryan adds if we have a tree registry we would know how many trees we are losing and or planting on private property.

C. Health, Wellness, Transportation Subcommittee Report – John Zelasco

1. Lime Bike – Commissioner Zelasco reports that Lime Bike is interested in working with Glen Ellyn. This is a no cost project to the village. The only obligation the village will have is to provide designated areas for the bikes and racks. Lime bike works with an app. They charge by the hour for bike rental. It is all tracked by GPS and they are self-locking. Lime Bike is a 24 hour operation. They repair the bikes and collect them. Commissioner Zelasco spoke with the park district and they have no issues with this program. Commissioner Zelasco will set up a meeting with Assistant Village Manager Holmer to further discuss.
2. Dark Skies – Chairman Kreuzer reports that a dark skies ordinance is not practical but perhaps we can do an e-blast to inform residents of dark skies.

D. Recycling and Energy Sustainability Subcommittee Report, Jeff Abeln

1. 2018 Cool DuPage Civic Center Building Review – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that he met with the engineers and received a follow-up email. There are some HVAC issues that are currently being addressed.
2. Recycling Decals – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that he met with Groot reps and they knew nothing about the decals. The new rep is going back to look into the decals. We are waiting to hear back from them.

VII. Trustee Liaison Report – Enright reports that the village is considering building a garage behind the civic center. Anything the EC could add would be helpful.

VIII. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on July 17, 2018.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer