

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 19, 2019

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: February 19, 2019
Called to Order: 7:03 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:39 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

David Meehan	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Adrienne Gregory	Commissioner	Absent
Noreen Lakhani	Commissioner	Absent
Michael Malone	Commissioner	Present
Christie Truitt	Commissioner	Present
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present
John W. Zelasco	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Peter Blatchford	Student Intern	Present
Bill Enright	Liaison Trustee	Absent
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Present
Adam Kirk	Staff Intern	Absent
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	Present

PUBLIC

Edith Makra	Metropolitan Mayors Caucus	
Tommy Cordell	GR Corps – Village of Barrington	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The February 19, 2019 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:03 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Edith Makra from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus presents to the Environmental Commission the Greenest Region Compact (see attached copy of presentation). The goal of the GRC2 is to align environmental issues, resources and actions at local, regional and national levels to guide

municipalities to achieve greater environmental sustainability. There are approximately 109 surrounding municipalities that are currently part of the GRC2. Chairman Meehan asks Makra if Glen Ellyn decides to join the GRC what do we need to do? Makra replies you would need to do a resolution and except the compact in its entirety. I would also need a contact person from Glen Ellyn so that I can send information and invitations to. She adds there is also a Regional Environmental Committee meeting that meets once a month that we would ask that a member from Glen Ellyn attend. Chairman Meehan asks if we are able to dial in to those meetings. Makra replies yes. Chairman Meehan asks if there is a cost to join. Makra replies there is no cost to you to become a part of this compact. Chairman Meehan and the EC thank Makra for her presentation. Chairman Meehan adds he sees no reason not to join the GRC and asks the EC to consider this for our next meeting so we can vote on this.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 15, 2019 MEETING – Approved

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 1/15/2019

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Zelasco

SECONDER: Commissioner Malone

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Meehan states we are still looking for a Commissioner to replace Ed Crawford. If you know of anyone please forward on any potential candidates.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory/Development

1. Parking Garage – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that we are still in the design phase for the parking garage behind the civic center. There will be a workshop the second week of March to give a design update to the board. Commissioner Zelasco adds he will be meeting with Trustee Enright to address some EC items.
2. CBD Streetscape – Chairman Meehan reports that he emailed Director Hansen on getting the EC involved in the steering committee. Meehan adds that Commissioner Lakhani is interested in taking the lead on this and Commissioner Umlauf adds she is interested in taking part in this as well.

3. Dark Windows – No update
4. The Tube – Chairman Meehan reports that Commissioner Gregory met with CPA and the artist came out and we looked at the site together. The first charrette is scheduled for March. We have invited the high school and Hadley to attend. He asks the EC if they may want to invite any other groups to attend. Commissioner Umlauf adds perhaps we should invite someone from the historical society to attend. Chairman Meehan adds if there is anyone else you think of let me know. Commissioner Malone adds we may want to add the newcomers club.
5. Taylor Street Sustainable Landscaping – No update.

B. Education

1. Contractor & Residents Seminars – No update
2. Garden Walk– Commissioner Umlauf reports that the Garden Walk is scheduled for June 22 and a rain date of June 23rd. We are still looking for participants to showcase their gardens. This year we will be charging a nonrefundable fee of \$10. Park District Liaison Frigo adds that the Conservation Foundation will be partnering up with this event. She adds the EC will need to decide if they still want to be a part of the Conservation Foundation. The membership fee is \$500.00 from the EC and the Park District will fund \$500.00.

Commissioner Umlauf moves to vote to continue our Partnership with Conservation Foundation and Fund \$500.00. Commissioner Zelasco seconds the motion.

MOVE TO continue partnership with Conservation Foundation and fund \$500.00

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Umlauf

SECONDER: Commissioner Zelasco

Ayes: 6

3. Environmental Commission Library Partnership – No update.

C. Sustainability

1. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan Resolution–Commissioner Umlauf reports that she and Commissioner Truitt are researching tree mapping for this project. Once the information is gathered, this will be used to give input to the village in order to guide them on how to build pride with the trees in the community.
2. Recycling Extravaganza – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that the location has been changed to COD for this event. The change was made largely in part due to the number of complaints we received from residents concerned about the amount of traffic and car stacking this event generated. The COD location will help alleviate this. Commissioner Zelasco reports that he working on maps and banners as well as posters to get the word out on this event as its location change. Commissioner Zelasco also reports that he has contacted and heard back from 70% of the vendors for this event. He adds we will be offering paper shredding again this year and the cost will increase by \$650.00. Commissioner Zelasco asks Student Intern Blatchford if he can see if anyone at Glenbard West would like to volunteer for this event. Commissioner Zelasco asks the EC if they could help hang up signs around town for this event. April 27th is the date for the Recycling Extravaganza.

D. Outreach

1. One Earth Film Festival - Commissioner Umlauf showed the EC the fliers and posters for this event. The event kicks off on March 3rd and 4th. We would like to get as much community involvement as we can. Chairman Meehan would like the EC to attend one of the festivals together.
2. Enviro-News Spring Newsletter – The EC thanks Student Intern Blatchford for writing an article on K-Cups.
3. Glen Ellyn Fund – Commissioner Malone reports that we are trying to establish permanent endowments. Since 2018 \$400,000 has been raised. We had \$100,000 matching donation from the DuPage Foundation. This year our goal is to have 30 unique personal visits where we can layout our concept in order to get additional donations. He asks the EC to think about their networks, neighbors, and local contacts that we can tap into. Commissioner Malone adds he is happy to talk with any of their potential contacts.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – No report

VII. Staff Liaison Report – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports the Civic Center project is moving along. There has been a lot of progress made. Framing and drywall has been done as well as lighting replacements. April 25th is the targeted completion date. We are having a lot of problems with our curbside composting. Grout is not doing the pick-up. We have about 180 people signed up for this. Grout has been troublesome with customer service. We are trying to work with Grout on this. They

signed a contract and they need to fix this. He adds there still is no info on the recycling decals.

VIII. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on March 19, 2019.
- B. Commissioner Malone moves and Commissioner Zelasco seconds to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer