



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Environmental Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2024
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 306

Members of the public are welcome to speak to any item not specifically listed on tonight's Agenda. For those items which are on tonight's Agenda, the public will have the opportunity to comment at the time the item is discussed. Individuals wishing to address the Commission shall exercise proper decorum and respect for the proceedings and the business of the Environmental Commission, and shall refrain from abusive demeanor and language. Commissioners are not obligated to respond to questions.

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Public Comment**
 - 1) Public Comment Regarding EVs
- C. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1) Approval of March 12 Meeting Minutes
 - 2) Approval of March 20 Joint EC and HPC Meeting
- D. Reports**
 - 1) Park District Liaison Report
 - 2) Trustee Liaison Report
 - 3) Staff Liaison Report
 - 4) Chair Report
- E. Old Business**
 - 1) Strategic Planning Priorities
- F. New Business**
 - 1) New topics or initiatives for discussion
- G. Adjourn**
 - 1) Next Meeting May 21, 2024

John Hubsky

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Environmental Commission Public Comment Form

If you wish to offer public comment, please complete this form before 4 pm of the day of the Environmental Commission meeting.

Meeting Date	April 16th, 2024
Meeting Name	Environmental Commission Meeting
First Name	Kristen
Last Name	Bond
Organization	None
Email Address	kristen@krisbond.com
Address	234 Cumnor Ave
City	Glen Ellyn
State	iL
Zip Code	60137
Agenda Item or Subject	Follow up on electric vehicles (EVs) in Glen Ellyn
Comment	I would like to make a public comment to follow up from the last EC meeting. Commissioners indicated they would ask the Village to do an analysis and look into whether joining EV Readiness Cohort waitlist would be a worthwhile endeavor. Relatedly, if it is not worthwhile at this time or we are unable to

commit within the open time period, are we able to create an "EV4GE" initiative for the Village website, and create marketing/communication around the resources currently available for present and future EV owners, drivers, and riders? I would like the opportunity to present for a few minutes to discuss the questions that were asked during the last meeting.

Your comments will be placed on file and read into the record.

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 12, 2024

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: March 12, 2024
Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:22 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Christie Truitt	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Jacquelyn Casazza	Commissioner	Present
Karin Daly	Commissioner	Present
Mark Frigo	Commissioner	Present
Barbara Kwiatkowski	Commissioner	Present
Olivia	Student Commissioner	Absent
Matilda	Student Commissioner	Absent
Also Present:		
John Hubsky	Assistant Public Works Director	
Chris Gutman	Glen Ellyn Park District	
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	
Gary Fasules	Trustee	
PUBLIC		
Kristen Bond	234 Cumnor , Glen Ellyn	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The March 12, 2024 meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairperson Truitt at 7:00 PM at Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Kristen Bond, a resident of Glen Ellyn, delivers a presentation on EV readiness in Glen Ellyn to the EC. The goal is to persuade the Village of Glen Ellyn to join the EV Readiness Cohort Waitlist. Joining the waitlist entails approximately 1-1/2 hours of staff work every two weeks. By joining the cohort, Glen Ellyn would gain access to EV safety guidelines, permit guidance, grant opportunities, and timelines. The steps to join the waitlist include alignment checklist, signed commitment, online application, and waiting. The EC requests that Kristen return with a recommendation for the required number of EV stations based on the current number of EVs. Chairperson Truitt commits to following up with Edith Makra at the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to fully comprehend the commitment of being on the waitlist. The EC agrees to further review the presentation provided by Kristen Bond.

Commissioner Daly motions to recommend Village Staff do a gap analysis on EV readiness; Commissioner Frigo seconds the motions

MOVE TO RECOMMEND VILLAGE STAFF DO A GAP ANALYSIS ON EV READINESS

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Frigo

SECONDER: Commissioner Kwiatkowski

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2024 MEETING –

MOVE TO APPROVAL MINUTES FROM 2/6/2024 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Frigo

SECONDER: Commissioner Kwiatkowski

IV. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Trustee Liaison Report: Trustee Fasules mentions the village board approved the purchase of two new EV vehicles.

B. Staff Liaison Report – Staff Liaison Hubsy reports that with the purchase of the new EV vehicles, a dedicated charger will be installed for village vehicles. The Village will continue to evaluate the need for chargers as vehicles are replaced. Additionally, Hubsy notes that the salt needs for next winter are out for bid. The village anticipates paying less per ton than this past year.

C. Park District Liaison Report – Manager Gutman provides an update on buckthorn removal, stating that all priority sites have been revisited. The park district has hired a forestry assistant, and oak trees at Lake Ellyn have been pruned. Additionally, some of the maple trees at Lake Ellyn were tapped. Shoreline restoration at Lake Ellyn is scheduled to begin tomorrow.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Strategic Planning Priorities

Land Stewardship - Cultivate Green Infrastructure and Resilient Landscapes
Sustainable landscaping - 2024 initiative - Chairperson Truitt discusses the 2024 initiative for sustainable landscaping, focusing on cultivating green infrastructure and resilient landscapes. One consideration is subsidizing rain barrels, potentially offering a \$50 incentive for the first 20 barrels, funded by the EC budget. Staff Liaison Hubsy notes the village board's directive for the EC to use its budget for events for the benefit of all. Truitt suggests promoting without a monetary incentive, and additionally promoting yard certification through the Conservation Foundation.

Waste Stewardship - Reduce Landfill Waste

Recycling Extravaganza - Commissioner Kwiatkowski emphasizes the need for volunteers for the event and mentions plans to collaborate with the student commissioners to engage the Eco Club for volunteering. Additionally, Go-Green will provide volunteers. Once the marketing piece is approved, it will be sent for printing. The event is scheduled for April 27 at College of DuPage.

Website update - Staff Liaison Hubsy requests that any updates to the website be communicated by taking a screenshot of the page and informing Grant of the desired changes.

Engage - Educate and Motivate

Spring quarterly print newsletter - early April. Chairperson Truitt reviews some of the stats that will be included in the print newsletter which will be reviewed by Grant.

- 2022-23 GE sent 10% less waste to the landfills
- 2022-23 of total waste volume - 30% was recycled
- Yard Waste - 14% of what was collected was curbside
- Composting grew by 15% with only 6% of households composting
- Sustainable Landscape - over 130 sustainable planters will be in the downtown area
- Tree Canopy - 39th year in a row GE received the Tree City Award
- Parkway Trees - 14,000
- Water Ambassador Award recipient

B. *Sustainability Score Card Plan* - Update on Draft RFP and Schedule - Staff Liaison Hubsy informs the EC that the RFP draft was sent out for review on Monday. Commissioner Kwiatkowski notes that the RFP contains more than just the baseline assessment sought. Hubsy explains that this is the village's standard process of requesting more initially, then scaling back based on budget constraints. He adds that the goal is to release the RFP at the beginning of April.

VI. Commissioner Topics

1. Textile drop box (Waste Stewardship) - Commissioner Casazza presents information on textile drop box options. She notes that 85% of discarded textiles end up in landfills and highlights the opportunity for donation. Two companies offering collection services are Swalco and Cradle for Crayons. Swalco operates primarily in Lake County, placing bins near train stations, public works, and park district buildings, with some of the collected funds returned to the village. They collect every two weeks and accept all textiles except shoes. Cradle for Crayons has 42 drop-off locations but does not offer financial incentives to the village. Their focus is on clothes and shoes for children. Both companies provide similar bin types. The question raised is whether the village would consider hosting such bins on its property. Hubsy mentions checking if they could be housed inside the Park District, Civic Center or Library to prevent misuse. Commissioner Casazza will forward the information to Hubsy for review.

2. Plastic bag recycling (Waste Stewardship) – Commissioner Kwiatkowski discusses plastic bag recycling, noting that Wheaton has implemented a program where for every 1000 lbs. of plastic bags collected, they receive a free bench. There are three collection points: a church, a school, and one by the park district, with pick up occurring twice a week. Once the bags are sorted, weighed, and brought to a participating location, they are used to make a bench, as long as 1000 lbs. are collected in a year. Kwiatkowski would like to offer a program for Glen Ellyn, but emphasizes the need for sorting and ensuring no stickers or contaminants are present on the bags. Go-Green has expressed interest, and Kwiatkowski suggests promoting the program. Staff Liaison Hubsy suggests more research on the exact process to proceed.

3. Potential Oak Tree impact with proposed Glenbard West addition (Land Stewardship) – Commissioner Frigo discusses the potential impact on oak trees due to the proposed Glenbard West addition, noting a referendum for District 87 that includes an extension of the high school. The proposed extension area contains many large oak trees that could potentially be affected. Frigo recommends that if the referendum passes, the EC should provide comments on this matter. Frigo will reach out to determine how the EC can submit a comment.

VII Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. Commissioner Frigo motions and Commissioner Casazza seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

The next EC meeting – April 16, 2024

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Hubsy



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation & Environmental
Special Meeting
March 20, 2024
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Room 301

Board or Commission: Historic Preservation
/Environmental Commissions
Meeting: Regular

Date: March 20, 2024

Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Quorum: Yes

Adjourned: 8:21 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Penn French	Chairman Historic Preservation Commission	Present
Nathan Darga	Commissioner	Present
John Day	Commissioner	Present
Donna Leak	Commissioner	Present
Barb Lemme	Commissioner	Present
Robert Margetts	Commissioner	Present
David Schlembach	Commissioner	Present
Christie Truitt	Chairperson of Environmental Commission	Present
Karin Daly	Commissioner	Present
Barbara Kwiatkowski	Commissioner	Present
Matilda McLaren	Student Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Jordan Frahm	Associate Planner	Present
Mark Franz	Village Manager	Present
John Hubsky	Assistant Public Works Director	Present
Dave Buckley	Director of Public Works	Present
Dave Thommes	Executive Director Park District	Present
Nate Troja	Director of Planning & Natural Resources	

Public Present:

Clare Johnson	Site Design	

A. CALL TO ORDER

The March 20, 2024 special meeting of the Historic Preservation & Environmental Commissions was called to order by Chairman French at 7:00 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. 473 Forest Avenue – U.S Bank Site (Glen Ellyn Park District) - Village Manager Franz opened the meeting by providing a brief overview of its purpose, expressing the village's enthusiasm for the project. Noting that the Village and Park District had collaborated on the venture, he highlighted a series of prior meetings to discuss its conceptualization. He emphasized that the village had acquired the property and both the Village and Park District had endorsed the concept, stressing the aim of seeking feedback from the HPC, EC, and AC on the project. Tonight's session sought general input from the HPC and EC, with the objective of subsequently presenting the received feedback and seeking approval from the Village Board for the project.

Clare Johnson, a Consultant from Site Design, unveils the site plan proposal for the Glen Ellyn Downtown Event Park. She outlines that the site spans 1.5 acres, formerly occupied by US Bank, with a gross area of 61,407 square feet, and was purchased by the Village for \$1.65 million. Johnson highlights the collaborative effort between the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Village to transform the space into an event and green area, conveniently located near the parking garage, Metra rail, and Prairie Path.

The envisioned park will serve as a vibrant gathering space, featuring a lush green lawn and the potential for an ice rink during winter months. Additionally, amenities such as restrooms and a concessions support building are planned. Johnson indicates that the proposed design, including a pavilion for performers, was recently presented to the Architectural Appearance Commission. Renderings showcased during the presentation depict a trellised pavilion adorned with wood slats for a natural aesthetic, complemented by black steel elements to harmonize with nearby light poles, and limestone accents to integrate seamlessly with the surrounding downtown architecture.

The preservation plan involves removing existing components for relocation, with efforts made to preserve or relocate trees wherever feasible. The specific planting approach for the area will be determined once the design is finalized, although it will prioritize the incorporation of native plants and varieties.

For maintenance and management, Johnson outlines access points for maintenance vehicles and strategically placed recycle and trash bins. The restrooms and support building will be designed to complement the site, including water fountains, with the size still under development.

Regarding lighting, provisions will be made to ensure a safe environment while enhancing the ambiance and tone. The lighting scheme will aim to be non-intrusive yet effective, adhering to Dark Sky compliance standards. Johnson concludes the presentation by inviting feedback from the commissions.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski commends the progress made on the plan, expressing satisfaction with its appearance. She inquires about the durability of the plantings in high-traffic areas and whether they will be placed in planters. Johnson confirms that a mix of planters and incorporating grade changes will be used, with some plants at grade but not in areas where people naturally walk.

Commissioner Lemme raises the question of considering climate change in plant selection, emphasizing the importance of choosing plants that are climate and drought tolerant. Johnson acknowledges this consideration and assures that appropriate plants will be chosen.

Chairperson Truitt praises the thoughtfulness of the plan and asks about the diversity of trees, particularly whether consideration is being given to small or large trees. Johnson explains that longer life trees and shorter life ornamental trees will be strategically selected.

Chairperson Truitt also inquires about reducing lighting to promote human and wildlife health. Johnson confirms that there are opportunities to adjust the lighting to be less intense.

Commissioner Leak asks about space availability for art installations and art fairs. Johnson explains that activation areas along the pathways are envisioned for this purpose.

Chairperson French seeks clarification on the maximum capacity of the lawn area. Johnson estimates a capacity of 500-850 depending on the type of event.

Commissioner Day asks about the sound system, to which Johnson responds that there will be a house system scaled appropriately for the space. Commissioner Day also inquires about the next steps for advancing the project. Director Troja explains that both boards need to approve the plan. It's slated as a project for 2025, allowing time later this year to fundraise. They are exploring grants to bridge the funding gap.

The Historic Preservation and Environmental Commissions express their gratitude for the opportunity to provide feedback.

D. ADJOURNMENT - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Kwiatkowski and Commissioner Day seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by Jordan Frahm & John Hubsy, Staff Liaisons



**Glen Ellyn Environmental
Commission**
535 Duane Street
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Meeting 4/16/2024 7:00 PM
Department: Public Works
Department Head:
Category: Discussion Item
Prepared By:

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2024-268)

DOC ID: 2024-268

Strategic Planning Priorities

Statement of the Issue:

- Land Stewardship - Cultivate Green Infrastructure and Resilient Landscapes
 - Sustainable landscaping - 2024 initiatives
- Waste Stewardship - Reduce Landfill Waste
 - 2024 Recycling Extravaganza - last minute discussion or needs
 - Plastic bag recycling - Commissioner Kwiatkowski
 - Waste Hauling RFP - update on status
- Engage - Educate and Motivate
 - Quarterly eNews Content - Quarterly eNews format used for first time with April 9th Spring Greening version
 - Remainder of the year schedule and topics - discussion
 - Spring quarterly print newsletter - Mailed out early April
 - 2024 events - discussion of a tentative schedule and level of involvement (including any funding approval)

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Contribution to Strategic Plan

Action Requested:

Attachments:



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