

**CITY OF WARRENVILLE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.  
City Gallery  
at City Hall, 28W701 Stafford Place, Warrenville**

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

KF called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioners Bob Kanara, Jean-Marie Kauth, Kathy Franke

ABSENT: Chair Sarah Anderson, Amy Murphy

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison David Romero; Council Liaison Kathy Davolos, Tim Cosgrove, Connie Schmidt

**C. APPROVAL OF JUNE 15, 2021 MINUTES (PDF)**

BK made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2021 meeting, seconded by JK, which were unanimously approved.

**D. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Tim Cosgrove, citizen, had comments about Coal-Tar Sealants and a City Solar Registry that would keep track of the number of kWh of solar in the city, installed by the City and citizens. Some of the big new developments in the city are planning on adding solar. We could survey what's existing since Debra Swinden at the City keeps track of this through permits – it's easy enough to do. Bill Weidner knows about the City's computer system. Ron Mentzer supports solar, and permits for solar are at the top of the list in the City. We could advertise this through the *Resource* in springtime – people do read it.

**E. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS (PDF)**

DR reported that Cristina found information about Groot composting – it does require a yard-waste subscription bin. The compost includes most food except meat and liquids; it does not include paper products, including no coffee filters or tea bags.

**F. BUSINESS OF MEETING**

1. Coal Tar Ordinance – agenda backup in Commissioner Reports (JK)

This is an issue that has been pursued by the Commission, the County, and the State for years. The big box stores do not sell Coal-Tar sealants, which would otherwise have to be processed as hazardous waste. There is a soy-based product, which is a little more expensive, but it doesn't smell and is unlikely to be a health hazard. Even asphalt-based sealants are lower in polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Coal-Tar sealants are the single greatest pollutant in the West Branch of the DuPage River. They are carcinogens and are tracked inside houses – children play on driveways and are exposed. Additionally, whole parts of the country do not use Coal-Tar Sealants. Downstate, the coal pollutants are a problem, a waste product that the coal plants are trying to get rid of, so there is more resistance. Tim Cosgrove provided information about multiple city ordinances, with an endorsement for the Village of Deerfield, with

the exclusion of one clause pertaining to felony convictions. We could use the Deerfield ordinance; otherwise, code enforcement is that the applicator goes to get a vendor's license. The license fee can help to pay for staff time. They haven't issued fines yet in Deerfield, but it's part of compliance. Homeowners could still put down their own, but that's mostly covered because of what is sold in stores; generally, it's the vendors who are most culpable. City Attorney Brook Lenneman's group put together the information on ordinances. We would need to notify vendors who worked with the City last year. Baccara (sp.?) is one such company. Homeowners Associations likely contract with them as well and should be contacted, and there is probably a limited number of applicants. JK volunteered to write an educational article for *The Resource*. We could also ask for a short bit in each *Hometown Happenings*, lining up short pieces for a whole year in advance and adding a link to information on the website. We support with a fee the DuPage River Salt Creek Work Group, who are proponents of not using coal tar. If we are supporting them (DR), it makes sense to support the ordinance. JK made a motion that the city create an ordinance to ban coal-tar sealants based on Deerfield's ordinance, with the elimination of 12-57, no. 2 about felony convictions. BK seconded the motion. We could take this issue to City staff, first Ron Mentzer and Assistant City Administrator Cristina White, copying John Coakley, including a fact sheet and the Deerfield ordinance, and then to the Committee of the Whole, where we will hope to present on health and environmental effects. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2. Electric Aggregation – agenda backup in Staff Report (DR)

Cristina White sent out a staff report about Electric Aggregation. There is no rush, but the new contract with Eligo will be starting in October; from that, we will receive a civic contribution of \$25,000 that will need to be used towards green initiatives. The Council is asking the EAC to consider various projects, listed on the Staff memo, including updating Cantera streetlights with LED fittings, adding solar panels to a wellhouse, adding solar panels to the trailhead building, or purchasing rain barrels to give away as part of a drawing. In addition, one initiative could be to pay staff for administering the Solar Database, though the limiting factor is really staff time. Real-time pricing would also be good. Connie Schmidt says that CUB supports ComEd because of the real-time pricing. They recommend we evaluate the contract as well. It would be nice to invite Cristina to come to one meeting to answer our questions. We will table this issue until next month.

#### 3. Climate Action Initiative Posting (All)

SA wanted this on the agenda: Cristina and Kristin Youngmeyer in Public Works are OK about posting this on the City Facebook page. AM had offered to write a blurb. We could wait until next meeting since AM is not here. We could also put this information on our website.

#### 4. EAC's website page – agenda backup in Commissioner Reports (JK)

JK has proposed additions on Environmental Health, and then we should also add a page on Coal-Tar Sealants (if approved), Climate Action Initiatives, and maybe an archive of past tips and Resources. It was decided to add one tab on the left on Environmental Health generally and one tab on the City Mosquito Spraying policy.

5. Promoting Agenda through Facebook (All)

Cristina would like not to add this to Facebook because of the workload and because the other Commissions do not do it.

6. Battery Recycling Sorting Time (All)

We will continue to sort before the meeting.

**H. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

JK will be the Keynote Speaker at the Environmental Education Association of Illinois (EEAI) on April 8, 2022 at the Meadowlark Lodge at the Hoover Forest Preserve in Yorkville and is writing a book provisionally titled *Environmental Legacies of the Copernican Universe*, due out January 2023.

**I. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Kanara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Franke, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Commissioner Kauth*

**Key:** SA=Chair Sarah Anderson, JK=Commissioner Jean-Marie Kauth,  
BK=Commissioner Bob Kanara, AM=Commissioner Amy Murphy, KF=Commissioner  
Kathy Franke, KD=Council Liaison Kathy Davolos, DR=Staff Liaison David Romero