

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 19th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
City Gallery
at City Hall, 28W701 Stafford Place, Warrenville

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Chair Anderson proceeded to read a statement regarding state law and the open meetings act.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Anderson and Commissioners Bob Kanara, Jean-Marie Kauth, Kathy Franke, and Amy Murphy.

Absent: None

Also Present: Staff Liaison David Romero, Council Liaison Kathy Davolos, and resident Kay Halpin

C. APPROVAL OF MARCH 15, 2022 MINUTES (PDF)

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kanara, and was approved unanimously.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kay Halpin mentioned that Warrenville in Bloom would attend the Arbor Day event again this year.

E. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS (PDF)

The Staff Monthly Report was provided by Liaison Romero and included in the agenda packet. The Commissioners also sorted batteries and prepared 8 boxes to be shipped.

F. BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. Discussion and selection of new EAC chairperson (All)
Liaison Romero announced that Chairperson Anderson would be leaving the EAC, and that Commissioner Kauth would take over as Chairperson after the May17th EAC meeting.
2. Arbor Day Planning (All)
Final plans for Arbor Day were discussed and reviewed. It was determined that everything was ready. The Commission will meet at Cerny Park at 8:00 a.m., April 30, for the Arbor Day event.
3. Announcing Coal Tar Ban Ordinance in May newsletter article (DR)
A draft article announcing the recently approved Coal Tar Ban Ordinance was prepared by Liaison Romero and reviewed and discussed by the EAC. The article is to be posted in the May issue of Hometown Happenings.
4. Renewable Energy Certificates vs. Civic contributions Memorandum Update (DR)
EAC's March memorandum is still being reviewed by Liaison Romero and Assistant City Administrator White. More information should be available at the next EAC meeting.

5. Facebook Posting (AM)

Commissioner Murphy is currently writing monthly articles for the EAC to be submitted to the city of Warrenville Facebook Page. The article she submitted for March did not post due to an error with Facebook.

Many of the articles are informative as to the time of year or to upcoming current events. Moving forward Liaison Romero will confirm that the articles are posted.

6. DuPage River Sweep (BK)

The DuPage River Sweep, sponsored by The Conservation Foundation will be held Saturday, May 21. The EAC will be participating again this year and will meet at Kiwanis Park (Home Ave and Meadow) at 9:00 a.m. to help clean Ferry creek.

7. Warrenville Tree Canopy Update (DR)

Improving Warrenville's tree canopy was discussed. Topics included invasive trees, tree inventory, climate change, current tree planting, tree trimming, and parkway trees. The city's future plans, including the current use of the city's Arboricultural and Open space manual and the Landscape License agreement were questioned. The city's Public Works dept. is planning a presentation on maintenance of city trees in June, which will explain some of these topics.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS

Commissioner Franke commented on the EAC work plan for 2023 and how to better prepare for upcoming plans and projects for the future. It was suggested to put upcoming projects on the EAC meeting agenda sooner.

The annual conference of the Environmental Education Association Illinois was held in April. The Keynote speaker this year was Commissioner Jean-Marie Kauth, she spoke on children's environmental health.

H. ADJOURN

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m., seconded by Commissioner Franke, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Commissioner Kanara