

**CITY OF WARRENVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 17th, 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 6:57pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Amy Murphy

Also present: Staff Liaison David Romero, Council Liaison Kathy Davolos

C. APPROVAL OF APRIL 19, 2022 MINUTES (PDF)

Commissioner Franke made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19th meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kauth, which was approved.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

E. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS (PDF)

Liaison Romero pointed out in the comments and reports the SCARCE recycling Program, and the Wheaton environmental committee reached out to the City to see if the EAC wanted to attend each other's meetings. We could attend theirs on a Tuesday evening in July that does not conflict with ours. Andrew VanGorp worked on a similar networking effort with EC3, and information is available on his website.

F. BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. Arbor Day 2022 Wrap Up (SA)
Commissioner Anderson wrote a helpful memo highlighting thoughts for future years. The event went very well. But we should reserve the Park District now and ask to see who wants a ceremonial tree planted. Remaining trees were given to Debra Swinden to plant in the Timber Creek HOA.
2. June Facebook Posting (AM)
We edited the post and will pass it on to Assistant City Administrator Christina White to post on Facebook
3. Coal Tar Ban Ordinance Checklist Follow Up (DR)
We put the article in the newsletter in Hometown Happenings, which was also posted on the website. Liaison Romero will contact ACE Hardware to make sure they do not sell coal-tar sealants. Commissioners will need to distribute education and research addresses for HOAs, park district, businesses, commercial properties, management companies, etc. to put on

letters to stakeholders. We will see if it's possible to get data from the GIS map to an Excel spreadsheet, which will provide information on owners. Contractors will need a separate letter for how to get licensed. We will need to compose letters, including a FAQ page. During the October meeting, we can stuff envelopes together. November 1, we will mail envelopes.

4. Renewable Energy Certificates vs. Civic Contributions Memorandum Revision (DR)

We completed the REC memorandum; changes were made, which we accepted. We all agree that RECs are more valuable than civic contributions. And we prefer plans that do not kick customers off.

5. City-wide Plastic Grocery Bag Management (JK & BK)

(BK) We could do some research on the detrimental effects of plastic bags: plasticbaglaws.org and other websites, and provide steps for implementing an ordinance. In Illinois, only five communities have this ordinance, including Oak Park and Evanston. Oak Park allows no single-use plastic bags; other ordinances allow exceptions. A state-wide bill died three years ago. Commissioner Kanara will do research on ordinances, and Commissioner Kauth will do research on health impacts of bags and microplastics. Education pieces to start would be good. For dog poop, there will still be bread bags and plenty more plastic available. We could talk to Target and ACE ahead of time for their plans. Corporations will have had a plan in the other cities; franchises might be more difficult. We should embrace the process and engage the community and stakeholders. We could bring in some business owners to see how we can work together to make it do-able for them and pull in Tim Cosgrove. Why shouldn't Warrenville be an early adopter and thought leader on this and other issues? Pre-emption laws are working through Illinois, but we hope these won't pass since they benefit only those producing the toxic product.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS

Commissioner Kanara reminded the Commission that Saturday at 9 a.m. at Kiwanis will be the river clean-up.

H. ADJOURN

Chair Franke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Kanara, which was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Commissioner Kauth