

**CITY OF WARRENVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 21st, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
City Gallery
at City Hall, 28W701 Stafford Place, Warrenville**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kauth called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Kauth and Commissioners Bob Kanara, Amy Murphy, and Kathy Franke

Absent: None

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

C. APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2022 MINUTES (PDF)

Commissioner Kanara made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17th meeting, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, which was approved.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

E. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS (PDF)

The monthly Staff Report was provided by Liaison Romero and included in the agenda packet. Included in the packet was the 2022 Warrenville Climate Action Initiatives Annual Report. Staff Liaison Romero reported that he and PW Management Analyst Youngmeyer recently met Catherine Franczyk to discuss environmental issues and the City's climate action initiatives. Catherine is the Environment Committee Chair for the League of Women's Voters in Wheaton. She will report back to her committee members our discussion. It is possible that future environmental discussions occur between LWV and EAC. Staff Liaison Romero informed the commission of a podcast on Spotify that covers various environmental topics. The show is called How to Save a Planet.

F. BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. July Facebook Posting (AM)

Commissioner Murphy provided the July Facebook posting on Groots curbside food composting program

2. City-wide Plastic Grocery Bag Management (ALL)

The city wide Plastic Grocery Bag Management Plan was discussed by the Commission. Discussion included doing research on existing plastic bag laws in other cities throughout the United States. Research is important to understand what it will take to reach our goal. Outreach to the community is important. One of the goals is to reduce the environmental harm, damage to waterways and other habitats. Plastic Pollution is also posing a health risk to humans. Community feedback is important, and education on why a ban is advantageous is necessary.

Information can be shared on Facebook, Hometown Happenings and the Resource Newsletter. A Public Information Meeting may be helpful. Community support is the most important, including local HOA's schools, community groups and organizations, and local businesses. Further discussion about this plan will be ongoing and on the agenda of future EAC meetings.

3. Coal Tar Ban Ordinance Checklist Discussion (DR)

The checklist, provided by Staff Liaison Romero, was discussed. The commission will begin creating an informational letter regarding the ordinance to send out to contractors, HOAs and commercial property owners. Staff Liaison Romero will work on revising address data for the informational letter.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS

The commission sorted and filled 2 full battery boxes for recycling. Commissioner Kanara reported that the DuPage River Sweep at Ferry Creek was a success. Three volunteers filled about five bags of garbage. Chair Kauth talked about environmentally themed books at the library. Chair Kauth also attended the June 13th Public Works meeting, which is available on YouTube. The tree management plan for Warrenville will be presented at a December 12th PWIC meeting

H. ADJOURN

Commissioner Franke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Murphy, which was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Commissioner Kanara