

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, November 15, 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 7:06 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jean-Marie Kauth, Commissioner Bob Kanara, Commissioner Kathy Franke, Commissioner Cecilia Gerber, Commissioner Terri Basch, Council Liaison Kathy Davolos. Absent: Staff Liaison David Romero Also present: Citizen Bill Weidner

C. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18, 2022 MINUTES (PDF)

A motion was made by Commissioner Basch to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Franke and passed unanimously.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen Bill Weidner shared the FY 2024 Budget Consideration Request for Contract Growing Trees and explained the details of the proposed tree growing arrangement. The plan will be submitted to the City Council for consideration during the next Public Works meeting being held in December. The proposal was reviewed by the EAC and Chair Kauth requested to remove Ginkgo from the list of approved species. Council Liaison Davalos indicated a program such as this would help with accountability. A motion was made by Commissioner Gerber to approve the FY 2024 Budget Consideration Request for Contract Growing Trees in principle, seconded by Commissioner Kanara and passed unanimously

E. BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. Discussion of FY 2024 Budget Consideration Request for Contract Growing Trees (JK)
See Citizens Comments above
2. EAC's 2023 Regular Meeting Calendar (DR)
The 2023 dates for EAC Regular Meetings were reviewed and although the March date may have to be reviewed again in January a motion was made by Commissioner Kanara to approve, seconded by Commissioner Kauth and passed unanimously
3. 2022 EAC Meeting Minutes Rotation Schedule – Revised (ALL)
The revised 2022 dates for EAC Meeting Minutes Rotation were reviewed and a motion was made by Commissioner Kanara to approve, seconded by Commissioner Franke and passed unanimously
4. 2023 EAC Meeting Minutes Rotation Schedule (ALL)
The 2023 dates for EAC Meeting Minutes Rotation were reviewed and a motion was made by Commissioner Kanara to approve, seconded by Commissioner Franke and passed unanimously
5. Research into a Single-Use Plastic Ban (BK & CG)
Commissioner Kanara has continued to research programs and initiatives in the surrounding municipalities and learned that Batavia, St. Charles, and Geneva are working

together on a proposal that would levy a 10-cent tax per plastic bag. Commissioner Kanara plans to attend some of the surrounding municipalities' city meetings to investigate further what they are planning around this issue and determine if there are any synergies to be gained. There was also discussion around the possibility of community outreach in the form of a citywide survey as well as educational opportunities. Commissioner Kanara also brought awareness to a program through TREX where they provide park benches made from the city's collected recycled material through its NexTrex Community Recycling Program.

6. Discussion of adding Solar Promotion (JK)
Commissioner Basch will follow up with Staff Liaison Romero regarding the ability to post information on Illinois Solar for All on the Warrenville City website that provides information to residents regarding solar power.
7. Planning for Magnolia seedlings Arbor Day 2023 distribution (DR)
Discussion of Magnolia seedlings will be on a future agenda

F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS

Commissioner Kauth has been appointed to the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee to the EPA.

G. ADJOURN

Commissioner Gerber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Franke, and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Commissioner Basch