

**CITY OF WARRENVILLE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
City Gallery  
at City Hall, 28W701 Stafford Place, Warrentville**

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bash called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Terri Basch, Commissioner Bob Kanara, Commissioner Jean-Marie Kauth, Commissioner Cecilia Gerber

ABSENT: Commissioner Kathy Franke

ALSO PRESENT: Council Liaison (CL) Kathy Davolos, Staff Liaison (SL) David Romero

**C. APPROVAL OF JULY 18, 2023 MINUTES (PDF)**

Commissioner Gerber made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kauth, which were unanimously approved.

**D. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

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

(CL) Davolos reported that the Mack Road path project on the north side of the road is somewhat controversial – at least one landowner opposes it. CBS News interviewed the Mayor and the Senior Civil Engineer. A synopsis is on 10 p.m. nightly news tonight. City staff and council members are not sure what the segment will cover. The Mack Road path project is an effort to make sure it's safe for walkers and bikers to get from the west side of 59 to McKee Marsh and Blackwell.

(CL) Davolos provided an update on the OTRS #2 Project. City staff has been working with the IEPA to formalize the proposed site remediation plan.

(CL) Davolos reported that Cerny Park will be redone for \$1.2M, with a \$600,000 grant. Commissioner Kauth inquired if the old playground equipment will be recycled.

(CL) Davolos reported that FermiLab will be open to residents who want to use the path as long as long as the resident provides a RealID or passport.

No comments from commissioners regarding the staff report.

## F. BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. Sorting and Packaging of Battery Recycling

The staff sorted and packed two boxes of batteries for recycling.

2. Wrap up discussion on EAC booths at National Night Out and Summer Daze

The EAC booths at the events were well received. Residents that stopped by the booth expressed interest in learning more about healthy lawns, solar (especially solar installers), plastics, and approved sealcoat contractors. Some of the residents shared that they couldn't find on the City's website the list of approved sealcoat contractors. The City provided the commission some very nice giveaways.

The commission discussed purchasing giveaways to hand out at future events, such as reusable, collapsible bags. Additionally the commission discussed purchasing a permanent table banner, similar to the banner for the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Awareness Commission. Premade signs or brochures could be created for the event with QR codes that are linked to EAC's environmental initiatives, information, or newsletter articles. The signs or brochures could be inserted into a plastic display stand.

Chair Basch will follow up with the organizer of Art on the Prairie regarding EAC setting up their booth at the event. Art on the Prairie is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 17. Chair Basch will send a follow-up email for sign-up.

3. EAC's 2024 Regular Meeting Calendar

(SL) Romero shared with the commission the proposed 2024 EAC Regular Meeting Calendar, and explained that the third Tuesday in February (the 20<sup>th</sup>) will need to be rescheduled due to a conflict with a City Council meeting. The commission proposed to reschedule the EAC meeting to February 13. Commissioner Gerber moved to approve the 2024 Regular Meeting Calendar, with the modified February meeting date, Commissioner Kauth seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Update on Storm Drain Stenciling and Marker Project

On Sunday, August 13, Commissioner Kanara and Commissioner Gerber affixed 29 storm drain markers to the rims of storm structures. Commissioner Kanara has approximately 50 markers remaining. Commissioner Gerber shared that most likely the main contaminant in drains is run-off from lawns. The commission discussed taking a picture of the storm drain marker and creating an educational piece in the newsletter or sharing about the storm drain marker project. The educational article about the project could tie in the dead zone or green algae areas in the Gulf of Mexico or Great Lakes. Commissioner Kanara and Commissioner Gerber will work on creating a draft newsletter article for staff to review.

5. Discussion of "Now-Mow May" or "No Mow 'til Mother's Day"

The discussion was tabled.

6. Monthly public education posting through Facebook/Website

The discussion was tabled.

7. Discussion of a Children's Environmental Health Proclamation Initiative

(SL) Romero will ask City staff if the CEHN proclamation needs to go through a formal work plan approval process in order to be accepted as a City proclamation. The proclamation can be found at <https://cehn.org/download/ceh-day-city-proclamation-2/>

8. Discussion of potential to partner with the Library on community education

EAC needs to provide the Warrenville library with dates, times, and program descriptions of the presentations before August 29<sup>th</sup>. The commission discussed possible dates, program descriptions and presenters as listed below:

May 1, 2024 - *Safe Driveways, Non-Toxic Pest Control, and Healthy Lawns* by Commissioner Kauth

July 10, or 17, 2024 - *Solar* by Commissioner Basch or Connie Schmidt with the Sierra Club

September 4, or 18, 2024 - *Plastics* by Commissioners Kanara, Kauth or Gerber

November 6, or 13, 2024 *Native Trees, Plants, and Pollinators* by Alderman Weidner, Alderman Kruckenberg, or Jim Kleinwachter with the Conservation Foundation

The presentations will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. PowerPoint presentations will  
Commissioner Kauth moved to vote on the Library community education series as discussed, Commissioner Gerber seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Commissioner Kauth will be giving a talk on her recent book, *Environmental Legacies of the Copernican Universe* at the Library January 18, 2024, 7 p.m.

**H. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Kauth moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Gerber, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Commissioner Kauth