



Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

6 PM, Robert Gilliam Municipal Complex,

City Hall, Second Floor South Conference Room, 150 Dexter Ct.

**A. Call to order (chairperson)**

**B. Roll Call (staff liaison)**

Commissioners Hernandez, Knoerr, Masterson & Segel present.

**C. Approval of previous meeting's minutes**

January 2015 minutes were approved.

**D. Discussion Items**

**E. Working Group Reports**

**F. Old Business**

**1. Sustainability Honor Roll**

**i. Gail Borden Public Library partnership**

**1. Update from Gary and Christie**

Gary suggested we ask the city to apply for ComEd Green Region grant, as it requires a government entity. With this grant ComEd matches up to \$10,000 towards restoration projects. The commission could find a space that is in need of restoration within the city. A commissioner questioned if there is a replanting program in the city for parks with mature trees (ie. Lords Park's oak trees). Gary updated that the library board does not want to be involved in land management, but they are happy to help educate people of such efforts. They can help with programming involving invasive species, local animal species, water testing, and more.

**ii. Habitat for Humanity partnership**

**1. Review of documents provided by Kathy last meeting**

The commission would like to find donations/materials to hand out, some ideas of topics and people to reach out to include: ComEd, Nicor, insulation companies, home improvement stores, Green Mountain energy, how to implement solar/wind ordinances and leasing options, Kane County Recycling, backyard chickens, Food Scrap Coalition,

Constellation, Neighborhood Associations, rain gardens, and butterfly gardens. Part of this effort can involve the addition of more links to our website. David will set up two times for commissioners to stop by Habitat to evaluate the space.

**iii. Decision regarding physical award**

**1. Potential award options proposed & April's blurb for newsletter to be approved**

The liaison will provide mock-ups with remaining selections and send out an email to evaluate preferences. Glass is preferred if we have time.

**iv. Feature in Neighbor Newsletter**

1. The commission made edits to brief write-up of Deb Perryman. Gary provided a City Council speech to award Deb, in which commissioners will send in edits.
2. Liaison will inform Deb Perryman of the award, and try to set up time at the council meeting on March 18,

**G. Commissioner comments/announcements**

There will be no Green Expo 2015 – Commissioner Segel updated the group on the board of ECCO meeting he attended, where the decision was made. The group wants more time to prepare and make the event bigger and better for 2016.

There are a few upcoming events that request Events representation from the Sustainability Commission:

- Elgin Community College event, Sustainability Maker Faire 2015, on April 22, requests the presence of the commission. They provided a proposal, asking for \$3000 funding, as well as help reaching out to vendors. The commission is very interested and will send vendor contacts, review proposal and vote on the proposal at the next meeting in March.
- Hawthorne Hill Nature Center Earth Day Celebration is also on April 22. Liaison asked commission to think about how they can support the city event. She will propose a small funding amount to the commission at the next meeting in March.
- Commissioner Hernandez announced that on March 16 there would be a presentation “Death by Food” by Bill Curtis at ECC. The presentation is run through Continuing Education, cost is \$25, which includes hors d'oeuvres and book signings.
- Commissioners want to plan a fieldtrip to Freedom Field and the Fox River Country Day School. Chairman Masterson will arrange a Saturday morning date with Chet at Freedom Field.
- Liaison will send Forestry Division's list of tree species as well the selection form to Commissioners Knoerr and Hernandez.

**H. Adjourn**

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