

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Agenda

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

6 PM, Centre of Elgin, West Conference Room, 100 Symphony Way

A. Call to order (chairperson)

B. Roll Call (staff liaison)

Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Jacobs, Knoerr, Masterson, and Segel present

C. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Minutes were approved.

D. Discussion Items

1. Presentation from Chet Kolodziej, Operator of Freedom Field, on various sustainability initiatives from other cities and organizations

Mr. Kolodziej spoke at length regarding Freedom Fields operations. The slides of which are attached hereto.

2. Review of Electric Aggregation contract renewal adjustments (Aaron Cosentino)

Staff Liaison Aaron Cosentino recounted five options he heard during a Sierra Club meeting for communities to consider when renewing their electric aggregation contract. The five options he presented were:

- Option 1: Power content labeling which involves asking suppliers to provide prices for various energy mixes (i.e. Percentage of coal inclusion 10%, 20% etc.), and location (in-state or out of state).
- Option 2: Carve outs; asking that a certain percentage from specific types of energy such as wind. For example Chicago requested 5% comes from wind energy.
- Option 3: Community development fund; supplier provides community a lump sum that can be used by customers for renewable energy projects, for residents, businesses or local government buildings.
- Option 4: Suppliers can bundle renewable energy generation from residents, businesses or governmental entities and facilitate selling those on the renewable energy credit (REC) market. Would help incentivize property owners to install renewable energy systems.

- Option 5: Create a wind consortium with other aggregated towns. Wind over solar, as Illinois' wind capacity is greater than solar.

The commission voted unanimously to recommend that the city pursue establishing a Community Development Fund and bundling REC's when negotiating a new contract with the chosen energy supplier.

E. Working Group Reports

F. Old Business

1. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Staff Liaison Cosentino indicated that he was currently seeking sponsors for the charging stations.

2. Solar and Wind Energy ordinance creation

Staff Liaison Cosentino indicated that the Planning and Zoning Commission would be reviewing the ordinance within the next few months, after which time it would be presented to city council.

3. Food Scrap composting

Commissioner Segel reported that he attended the Strategic Planning Advisory Commission (S-PAC) meeting on this topic and will continue to work with that group as they form recommendations for the city's upcoming waste hauler contract negotiations.

4. Friends of the Fox Educator Proposal

Aaron Cosentino reported that the FotF educator had already worked with students from Harvest Bible and would continue to seek educator participants over the winter months.

5. Detention Basin Proposal Review

No update.

6. Valley Creek HOA Book Sharing Stations Neighborhood Improvement Grant Application Review

No update.

G. Commissioner comments/announcements

H. Adjourn

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