

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Agenda

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

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

A. Call to order (chairperson)

B. Roll Call (staff liaison)

Commissioners Frazier, Masterson and Segel present.

C. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Minutes were not approved as there was not a quorum.

D. Discussion Items

1. Collaboration between Elgin Community College and Freedom Field (Andy Erbach and Chet Kolodziej)

Chet Kolodziej presented regarding Freedom Field and their work with Elgin Community College. Two Elgin Community College students have worked on bio-gasification projects. Mr. Kolodziej spoke on that topic. A copy of his presentation is attached and made part of these minutes.

2. Composting Possibilities (Dustin Good)

Mr. Good, as a representative of the Strategic Plan Advisory Commission proposed an idea that would see the city of Elgin host a community compost site at the city's public works facility. The commission discussed the idea. ECC students would generally maintain the compost site, but public works employees would need to rotate the organic material every so often. The commission felt the idea was worth further discussion and suggested Dustin Good look into the city parcel lease program instead of using city facilities and labor to maintain the compost site.

3. Presentation from Jun Yoshitani of AlgaXperts LLC

Mr. Yoshitani presented on a wide range of topics related to algae. A copy of his presentation is attached and made part of these minutes.

4. Green Expo

The commission discussed the upcoming Green Expo and developed ideas on areas the commission could target. These included highlighting sustainable businesses via a sustainability "honor roll", Freedom Field, hydroponics and biomass gasification.

E. Working Group Reports

Todd Martin of the Transportation and Mobility working group and the Strategic Plan Advisory Commission asked the commission consider authoring a letter of support to include an option that would see the city's next waste hauler use compressed natural gas vehicles.

F. Old Business

1. Solar and Wind Energy ordinance creation – No update
2. Conservation@Home – No Update
3. Valley Creek HOA Book Sharing Stations Neighborhood Improvement Grant Application Review – No update.

G. Commissioner comments/announcements

H. Adjourn

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