

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Agenda

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

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

A. Call to order (chairperson)

B. Roll Call (staff liaison)

Commissioners Anderson, Frazier, Hernandez, Knoerr, Masterson, and Segel present.

C. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Minutes from May 14 and June 14 approved.

D. Discussion Items

E. Working Group Reports

F. Old Business

1. Planting Day at Lowrie Elementary

Liaison announced the rain garden planted at Lowrie Elementary on May 17, 2014 and showed pictures of the volunteer event.

2. Backyard Chickens

Aaron Cosentino gave a presentation on backyard chickens to City Council at the City Council retreat June 25, 2014. City Council was in favor of city staff drafting an ordinance to consider at upcoming City Council meeting.

3. Solar and Wind Ordinance

Ordinance is to be presented to City Council at July 23, 2014 City Council meeting.

4. Mighty Acorns Contract Renewal

Aaron Cosentino will send commissioners final report.

5. Greenhouse at Hawthorne Hill Nature Center

Liaison announced that the commission paid for a concrete slab which was laid at Hawthorne Hill Nature Center for the base of their greenhouse.

6. Food Day Month/Harvest Fest Discussion

Kathy Haerr presented Food Day graphics, timelines of events and planning, as well as drafted public relation products and applications for artists, vendors, and sponsors. The commission is to compensate Kathy for the \$200 deposit on the Art Space rental for the event. Aaron will draft a co-sponsorship agreement for the event to be reviewed by the city legal department.

7. Aldo bench design and implementation

Liaison shared photos of the Sustainability Commission also bench. Information was also shared where the bench is and will be displayed, as well as the associated passport contest.

8. Sustainability Honor Roll

There was discussion on finding substance behind the honor roll, and how to announce it to the public, either through a press release or as part of the Food Day events. A motion was passed for commissioners to submit a nominee (person/business/school/organization) and reasoning to be discussed and determined at August 2014 meeting.

9. Conservation@Home

The commission agreed to consider Conservation@Home and have topic as a discussion item on August 2014 agenda.

10. Electronic Vehicle Charging Station

Aaron Cosentino provided commission with an update on Electronic Vehicle Charging Station status. Currently the contract with Charge Point has been completed, while contracts with Ron Jones Electric and Carbon Day LLC are still in progress.

G. Commissioner comments/announcements

H. Adjourn

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