

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Minutes

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

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

A. Call to order (chairperson)

B. Roll Call (staff liaison)

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

C. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

July 2014 Minutes approved

D. Discussion Items

1. Conservation@Home

Regarding The Conservation Foundation's Conservation@Home proposal letter, the commissioners found that HOAs may not be feasible. Commissioners expressed concerns regarding interest in program by HOAs. It was suggested to, instead, hold presentation at library to increase attendance and availability to the community. The commission wants to seek business interest in presentations before pursuing program with TCF to ensure attendance. The commission discussed focusing on a business audience, rather than residential. Each commissioner agreed to contact a local business to inquire interest in Conservation@Work. There was a motion to reach out to local businesses, and see if they would be interested in having a representative attend and educational presentation regarding Conservation @ Work no later than the end of December 2014.

E. Working Group Reports

F. Old Business

1. Solar and Wind Ordinance

The commission was updated that the solar/wind ordinance is in the revision process since July 23's City Council Meeting. It will not be up for approval until at least end of August's City Council meeting. When revised proposal is ready, Aaron will send it out prior to City Council meeting. Aaron will also, per request

of commissioners, look into schedule meeting with Mayor in regards to having solar farms on city buildings (ie. Water Treatment facility).

2. Food Day Month/Harvest Fest

Commissioners were updated that Aaron drafted a co-sponsorship agreement. It is currently being processed by the city's legal department.

3. Sustainability Honor Roll

Three commissioners presented nominees for Sustainability Honor Roll. April nominated EGC & Pat Hill, Gary nominated Friends of the Fox, and David nominated St. Joe's green team & MultiFilm packaging firm.

4. Electronic Vehicle Charging Station

Commissioners were updated that all three contracts between Charge Point, Ron Jones Electric, and Carbon Day LLC have been completed. Electronic vehicle charging station has been ordered, and it will be installed in parking garage when received. Judson, Mcgraff Nissan, and Elgin Climate Change organizations are sponsors.

G. Commissioner comments/announcements

H. Adjourn

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