



Minutes • Tuesday, March 14, 2017 • 6:15 PM
Robert Gilliam Municipal Complex, City Hall
Second Floor South Conference Room
150 Dexter Ct., Elgin, IL 60120

A. Call to order (chairperson)

B. Roll Call (staff liaison)

C. Chairperson Knoerr and Commissioners Agesen, Fitton, Hajek, Keare, Masterson and Segel are present.

D. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

February 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

E. Discussion Items

1. Earth Day Sponsorship

Liaison provided a budget for the 4th annual Earth Day Celebration at Hawthorne Hill Nature Center. Commissioner Fitton suggested we deliver flyers to elementary and early childhood buildings. The group would need to find the School District U-46 contact to get them approved by the central office. Liaison will reach out to Patsy Hirsh from the Master Gardner's Illinois Extension Office for possible seed donations. A motion was made to increase budget to \$2000 to include flyer copies be distributed to schools. The motion was amended for the budget to not exceed \$2500 to allow for ample marketing. The motion passed.

2. Illinois Food Scraps Coalition Supporting Membership/Sustaining Partner

The commission agreed that the Organization Level sponsorship for \$150 and for three people, would be a small investment and enough to get more information and be better educated to answer council questions related to food scrap composting. A motion to pay for the Organization Level sponsorship was made and passed. Commissioner Segel made a motion to purchase a year subscription to BioCycle. The motion failed.

3. Fox Valley Sustainability Network Sponsorship

Liaison provided an overview of the network, the commission and city staff involvement thus far, and described why it might be worthwhile investment. Commissioner Hajek motioned the commission pay for the city sponsorship at the \$1000 level. The motion passed.

4. GreenTown Sponsorship

Commissioner Agesen get more information from an event contact. There was a little confusion if this were a conference or an expo-type event.

F. Old Business

1. Sustainability Action Plan Update

Discuss progress report and remaining objectives to tackle as they relate to known “obstacles”

Commissioners Aagesen and Hajek shared their breakdowns of the objectives into different categories. The commission agreed to look at these in more detail and each come back next month with some recommendations of objectives to tackle.

G. Commissioner comments/announcements

1. MetroFarms Tour

Liaison updated commission that the tour could take place either April 4 or April 18.

2. Lunch and Learn: Municipal Composting

3. 2017 Environmental Lobby Day on April 6

4. Lao Refugee Memorial Garden update

5. Kane County Food Hub Update

Two potential locations from the Kane County RFP are in Elgin. Commissioner Aagesen will draft a letter supporting the options in Elgin and send it to the Elgin Development Group.

H. Adjourn

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