



Minutes • Tuesday, September 12, 2017 • 6:15 p.m.
Robert Gilliam Municipal Complex, City Hall
Second Floor South Conference Room
150 Dexter Court, Elgin, IL 60120

A. Call to order (chairperson)

B. Roll Call (staff liaison)

Chairperson Aagesen and Commissioners Hajek, Keare, Masterson, Miko, Segel and Waden were present.

C. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

August meeting minutes were approved.

D. Other persons present

No other persons present.

E. Discussion Items

1. Pumpkin Composting Event

Discuss 2017 participation in the SCARCE Pumpkin Compost event the Saturday following Halloween and discuss logistics and availability of commission members

A motion was passed to participate in the regional municipal pumpkin composting day initiative on November 4, the Saturday following Halloween. The group agreed to keep the event in the old library lot located on the southwest corner of Grove and Kimball, where it was located last year. More marketing this year can increase participation. Ideas include adding text to the water bills that go out in October. Flyers and handouts can also be distributed to Jewel, Goeberts, Kleins, and other places where pumpkins are often purchased throughout town. The group should plan to bring items like a shovel, gloves, baseball bat, maybe bowling pins and even create a target of some sort to make the event fun, especially for kids. The liaison will create an updated flyer by the following week so commission can begin distribution. It may also be worthwhile to provide handouts to trick-or-treaters.

F. Old Business

1. Sustainability Action Plan Update

Review commissioner research findings and discuss next steps to achieving objectives

Chairperson Tia suggested we develop a workshop or strategic planning meeting separate from regular business meetings. The workshop/meeting could allow time to reevaluate the current action plan and its unattained objectives as well as look at newer initiatives and plans that should be incorporated into our focus, like the recently signed Mayor's Climate Action Agreement and the recently endorsed Greenest Region Compact II. Other items like the city issued community survey results, new comprehensive plan and strategic plan can

influence such focus and decisions. Commissioner Segel suggested it is a good idea to also begin looking at grants in case current commission funding is not secured in the future. Right now, the group feels it can either target unachieved action plan objectives that are considered “low hanging fruit,” or, the group can assess what action is most likely to trigger other actions. With a lack of unity on prioritization, Commissioner Miko motioned the group table this item until there is an opportunity to evaluate feedback from the community survey.

G. Commissioner comments/announcements

Trip to Freedom Field this Saturday, September 16

H. Adjourn

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