



Minutes • Tuesday, October 10, 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)

Commissioners Anderson, Hajek, Keare, Miko and Segel present. Commissioner Hajek assumed role of chair.

C. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

September 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

D. Communications

1. Sustainability Honor Roll

Councilwoman Rauschenberger presents award to Maura Neuffer

E. Other persons present

F. Discussion Items

1. Community Survey Results

Review community survey responses to sustainability questions. Full survey results are available on the city's website.

The commissioners questioned where the satisfaction level came from in the sustainability results since there was no question specific to satisfaction. The group thought it may be worthwhile to conduct an online sustainability survey and/or hold focus groups, especially with key stakeholders in the area. Community asset mapping (for profit, non-profit, governmental, other commissions, etc) may prove beneficial in such outreach. The Fox Valley Sustainability Network helps us look at regional opportunities, but we also need to look at smaller groups, like Elgin Green Groups 350, Boys and Girls Club, Shared Harvest, etc. Connecting groups and institutions encourages others and provides support to initiatives.

2. Partnership with Elgin Green Groups 350 to offer educational opportunities at the library and Hawthorne Hill Nature Center

Discuss educational objectives and explore opportunities to partner with EGG350 or sponsor events like speakers on topics of sustainability, like community solar.

Pending review and approval of community solar presentation sent to the liaison from Sandy Kaptain, the group is willing to sponsor the community solar presentation at the library in January. The group is also interested in finding other ways to partner with and work with the group.

G. Old Business

1. Sustainability Action Plan Update

Review commissioner research findings and discuss next steps to achieving objectives

Between now and when the comprehensive plan and strategic plan are finalized, the group is interested in achieving some initiatives, or “low hanging fruit.” Liaison will look into how long the commission’s commitment is to pay Friends of the Fox. She will also add a commission budget discussion to the January 2018 agenda.

H. Commissioner comments/announcements

Pumpkin Composting Event on Saturday, November 4, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Commissioner volunteers are needed to assist with entire event or just a portion of the event if available. Liaison, along with Commissioners Hajek, Keare, Miko and Segel can volunteer.

Liaison updated the commission on meeting with The Conservation Foundation and hopes to partner with them on native plant initiatives.

Liaison also updated commission on plans to apply for and emergency efficiency reimbursement grant that could cover 75% of LED light fixture replacement project in The Highlands of Elgin golf course parking lot.

I. Adjourn

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