



Agenda • Tuesday, January 8, 2018 • 6:00 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 Anderson, Kroiss, Miko and Perryman present.

C. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

December meeting minutes were approved pending the change of "MERA" to "MREA" in the announcements portion of the meeting.

D. Other persons present

E. Working Groups and Task-Related updates

Provide updates and discuss goals related to Individual Commissioner Engagement Plans.

-Commissioner Kroiss has been working on a timeline for an asset map, what needs to take place, etc. He hopes to have a basic program and e-services implemented by the end of 2019.

-Commissioner Perryman suggested data collected from streams by students could be included. As for the solar work group, Perryman is looking to see how the school district can help with the Solar for All program.

-Commissioner Miko intended for a second water work group meeting to be held February 6 at the library. The first meeting discussed organization, goals, recruitment and how to get people engaged. They want to help tackle some of the storm water management issues that City is looking to solve. They want to help the City be more sustainable and be more accountable to commitments. He has also been working with solar group and helping look at MREA's program for a solar group buy and will find sponsorships.

-Commissioner Anderson said the solar work group meets tomorrow. The work group is committing to SolSmart and Kiko Mari from the City Manager's Office has been leading the way to get staff tasks completed. The group is also looking at solar oriented projects that can be good for Elgin and also help get SolSmart points. The Solarize group buy is one such program. Solar for All is another program under FEJA trying to help making the benefits of solar available to low-income homeowners. Personally, Anderson is looking to focus his efforts on implementing EnergySage. The Earth Day Planning Committee meets next week. Xiuthetical Martinez has been booked for Friday, April 5 at the Hemmens Cultural Center (*this has since been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 17). The committee is also working on involving new groups/businesses/organizations in Earth Day, like Blue Box Café.

-Chairperson Aagesen asked that all take a comprehensive look at their Individual Engagement Plans and see if there are any adjustments for 2019. Aagesen hopes to get all potential strawless participants in a room together to discuss how to launch the initiative.

F. Discussion Items

1. Solar Group Buy

Hear program presentation from Christina Uzzo from the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) and consider sponsorship/endorsement/participation.

Christina Uzzo from CUB provided a presentation describing a group buy program and providing examples of successful programs, like Champaign-Urbana. She provided information on the group-buy savings rebate structure, along with other federal tax credits and SREC payments. A 7.54kW group-buy had a net cost of \$5,496 per installation. Commissioner Anderson noted that net cost should include a note that you still need to pay tax on the SREC payment. Some communities have partnered with a local credit union to help people fund the initial installation, as you get the rebates within a year. Cities need to decide by February 15 if they want to be an active participant or by April 19 if they want to endorse the program. Being an active participant allows you to have someone on the advisory committee, to guide the installer selection process. MREA manages the RFP and selects the installer(s). They will be giving several presentations May-September. Liaison provided that she has booked the Centre ballroom on February 8 for the next Fox Valley Sustainability Network. Contracts would only be between MREA and installer. All endorsing organizations/communities are held harmless should anything go wrong. The City would be endorsing the program, not the selected installer. Commissioner Miko motioned that, pending no issues with the City's purchasing policy or legal department, the City move forward as a participating member of the Solarize Kane County program.

2. 2019 Budget

Adopt 2019 budget.

Miko motioned to table the 2019 budget adoption until February until the award event pricing is finalized.

3. Funding Requests

Vote on funding requests for 1) Normal is Over, 2) Spartan event, 3) Earth Day domain.

Commissioner Kroiss motioned to table the Earth Day Domain until more information is available as to total cost, who will manage/maintain, etc. The motion passed. For the Spartan Earth Day pitch event, the commission would like more details and will look to fund the winners of the pitch with 2020 funds. Anderson motioned to provide \$1000 from the City's Earth Day budget to fund Normal is Over screening. The motion passed.

4. Sustainability Award Event

Discuss structure, date and other details.

Chairperson Agesen provided quotes received for different venues including the Heritage Ballroom at the Centre, Grand Victoria Casino and Elgin Community College (ECC). The ECC rental for \$3253 includes food, staff, space, AV stuff, and cash bar for 150 guests. Agesen feels most comfortable with ECC and there were many dates available too. Agesen motioned to have the event at ECC on May 16, from 5:30-9, with the event name pending. The motion passed.

G. Old Business

1. January Special Meeting

Determine date and content of meeting.

The meeting will be held on January 15 at 6 p.m. Food will be included. Commissioners will share their 2019 individual engagement plans and help frame the annual report. The group will discuss the Sustainability Action Plan, specifically looking at planning models and setting dates to review and revise the plan.

H. Commissioner comments/announcements

I. Adjourn

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