

## Urban Ecology Work Group Minutes

Meeting Date: 5/26/2022

Location: West Conference Room, Centre of Elgin

Start: 4:02pm

Adjourn: 5:11pm

Attending: Commissioner Jurina, Commissioner Brosier, Commissioner Flaherty, Commissioner Biss.

Commissioner Brosier moves to call the meeting to order, Commissioner Flaherty seconds.  
Motion passes

### 1) Approval of Minutes

- N/A

### 2) Discussion Items

- Meeting expectations: Commissioner Flaherty to chair the Urban Ecology work group

Outreach:

-Who are the critical stakeholders of Urban Ecology. What expertise do we need as part of this group, and can we recruit them as members?

-Connect with green advocacy groups in Elgin to generate interest in the work group.

-Post on the city website and social media, conduct additional outreach too.

- Meeting schedule: Fourth Thursday of the month from 4-5pm. West Conference Room at the Centre

- Goals and priorities: Work group does the preliminary work for the commission.

-Jeff: increase open habitat especially where people live, making our urban environment more natural. Have more natural influence in our urban environment.

-Chris: wants to see a change in the way we work and discuss urban ecology. Wants to work with the public to manage our lands sustainably. Designing more sustainable urban ecology practices.

-Dan: urge people to think along the lines of cleaning up the natural world. Put initiatives into action. Advance the conversation into sustainable action.

-David: interested in the built environment. Green infrastructure, like permeable pavers, green roofs, reduce wasteful asphalt. Need structure. Interested in curbing the heat island effect

### 3) Other Business

- Native Garden Demonstration Project planting day: The Sustainability Commission project, Native Garden Demonstration Project, will have a community planting date on Saturday June 4th, from 12-2pm, located at the intersection of N Channing St & Division St. All are welcome.

Next Meeting: June 23, 2022