



Sustainability Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 6, 2023 • 6:00 p.m.
West Conference Room, Edward Schock Centre of Elgin, 100 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120

A. Call to Order:

1. The special meeting of the Elgin Sustainability Commission was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. Roll Call

1. Present: Chairperson Tom Armstrong, Commissioners Chris Flaherty, Dan Brosier, David Jurina, Jeff Biss, Katie Gronke, Sharene Gould Dulabaum, Student Representative Isabella Cheung, Council Liaison Carol Rauschenberger, Staff Liaison Mikala Larson.
2. Absent: Commissioners Dekovia Livingston and Kevin Zaldivar.
3. Welcome to the Sustainability Commission's new Student Representative, Isabella Cheung.

C. Public Comment

1. None.

D. Strategic Planning

1. Staff liaison provided an overview of budgeted items from City Council and overview of upcoming projects, and guided commissioners through a strategic planning activity. Sustainability Commissioners had a roundtable discussion answering three questions to focus the meeting: *What are your top three goals for the outcome of this meeting? What are two challenges facing the Sustainability Commission? In one word, what does success look like for the Sustainability Commission?* Sustainability Commissioners wanted to get their thoughts focused on everything they want to accomplish this year and talk about priorities for the work groups. Chairperson Armstrong shared a compiled list of past and ongoing Sustainability Commission initiatives. The adopted ESC budget referenced as a good roadmap for projects the commission will work on in 2023. Commissioners discussed budgetary constraints that affect how much impact they can have, and council liaison responded that the commission can lead by recommending policy, that in turn if adopted, will guide the budget. Commissioners discussed the draft City Council strategic plan and provided input. Commissioners agreed that a key piece of strategic planning for this year is planning an environmental summit in April for Earth Month and discussed event details.

E. Adjourn:

1. *A motion was made by Commissioner Flaherty to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jurina and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm*