



Urban Resiliency Workgroup

Meeting Date: July 27, 2023	Attending: D. Jurina, T. Armstrong, J. Biss, D. Brosier, C. Rauschenberger, G. Hulke, Jeremy Lindsey (Sharks), Sana (eastside gardens), Pat Miller (Gifford Park Assoc.)
Time: 6 - 7:30 pm	
Location: West Conference Room (near the ballroom) at the Edward Schock Centre of Elgin	
Start: 6:02 Adjourn: 7:22	
1) Approval of Minutes; Welcome Commissioner Frankie Garcia; Elect/ volunteer Chairman & Vice Chair & Guest Speaker: Greg Hulke	
2) Discussion Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channing Park No-Mow Demonstrative Project - Outstanding planning Issues: volunteer work dates, erosion control, coordination with parks department, and finalized budget. • Turf Reduction Grant Program - application requirements , scoring metric, and staff administration. • Shade Inequity: Promotion of City Parkway Tree Program - determine City neighborhoods to be targeted (youth volunteers to distribute door hangers). • Urban Resiliency: Green Bonding - research capital cost for burying power/communication lines, change-out lead water service lines, and parkway tree planting. 	<p>NO-MOW: Volunteer weekend to be the last week in August: 26 & 27. Greg will contact WM about accepting sod for composting. Sod removal will be limited to the wildflower bed areas, no-mow area will be sprayed, covered with compost, overlaid with cardboard and again covered with soil compost. D. Jurina will rework the project budget for new prep method.</p> <p>TURF REDUC.: All are in favor; tight time line to get program up and running for fall planting; partner with Wild Ones (help with plant lists). Continue online with matrix score requirements. Pitch to new staff liaison for administrative needs.</p> <p>PKWY TREES: door hangers are being distributed. 80% complete with hangers reproduced.</p> <p>G. BONDING: infrastructure resiliency. Would need a new revenue source for payment of bonding. Revenue ideas: surcharge on utilities (NG, Elec, H2o) Minneapolis, surcharge on sales (1%) San Fransisco, climate sales tax Denver, and carbon annual assessment fees (residential, comm. & Ind.) Boulder.</p>

<p>3) Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioner Concerns: landscape plastic netting and yard waste in the public streets.• Public Comments	<p>Concerns: City and Public projects need to ban the use of polypropylene netting. No plastic use.</p> <p>Public comments: Sharks practice at Channing, but running event are held at Lords Park. We need a tree benefits promotional campaign. New staff liaison is Kristin Youngmeyer. Need to visit Neville Farm and Wing Park Maint. Barn to review wildflower plant height. Continuing maintenance and weed control is a concern for no-mow demonstrative project, will be a learning process for Parks maintenance and community stakeholder volunteers.</p>
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Next Meeting: August 24, 2023