

DOWNERS GROVE
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

Minutes

April 12, 2018

I. Roll Call

As the Chair was not present, Commissioner Marron was nominated to be the Acting Chair.

Present: Acting Chair Marron, Commissioner Duda, Commissioner Ellis, Commissioner Salman

Absent: Commissioner Getz, Commissioner Horvatin, Chairwoman Peloso

A quorum was established.

II. Visitor Welcome

One visitor, Vera Miller of the DuPage Clean Energy Coalition introduced herself.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment during this time.

IV. View and Approval of March 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Acting Chair Marron made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ellis seconded. The motion passed with a voice vote.

V. Staff update on ongoing projects

- DuPage River Sweep
Ms. Miles noted the DuPage River Sweep would be held on May 19th in an area off of Gilbert. Ms. Miles noted if anyone would like to volunteer she would pass that information onto Dan Carlsen who is organizing the event.
- Composting
Ms. Miles summarized a few updates that were sent out to the commissioners after the March meeting. Ms. Miles reviewed that composting material can be picked up at a facility called Organix Recycling in Chicago. Advertising for the new composting program was put on the solid waste section of the Village's website but more information would be put forth after staff confirmed some of the program details with the Republic representative on cart usage. Republic has indicated that residents must use a Republic card to participate in the composting program at this time. Information detailing this part of the program will be added to the Village website and all information will be put on the Village social media platforms.

Ms. Miles noted that the Village representative from Republic would participate in an informational meeting on the composting program at Village Hall. Ms. Miles noted the date of Thursday, May 24th at 6:00pm in the Village Council Chambers. The meeting would be an informational meeting for residents to hear about the composting program. Ms. Miles asked if the commission was in agreement with that date and all commissioners indicated this date was acceptable. Commissioner Ellis asked if the meeting could be recorded and Ms. Miles said yes.

VI. New Business

- Monarch Pledge Discussion – There were no new updates on this discussion but Ms. Miles said she would follow-up with Chairwoman Pelloso on this topic.
- Climate workgroup update – Commissioner Ellis had no new updates but asked how she could get this idea in front of the Village Council. Ms. Miles said any action would have to be put forth from the meeting and voted on by the commission. Ms. Miles also suggested speaking at a Village Council meeting. Ms. Miles noted any new board or commission has to be established by the Village Council. Commissioner Ellis asked if there were any subgroups of commissions and Ms. Miles noted the example of the Comprehensive Planning Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Miles also noted the Village Council meeting schedule for the commissioners is typically the first three meetings of each month.

Ms. Miller noted her support of a climate workgroup. Ms. Miller also explained her participation in a group in DuPage County on green energy and how the group will work to support and be a resource for communities in the county interested in green energy. Ms. Miller said the coalition group would need meet on April 30th from 7-9:00 pm at the Glen Ellyn Police Department. Commissioner Ellis suggested all commission members look at the Evanston climate workgroup.

VII. Adjournment

Acting Chair Marron made a motion to adjourn. Commission Ellis seconded

The motion was passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned.