

Natural Resources Committee

A subcommittee of Strategic Plan Advisory Committee



City Hall
109 James Street, Upstairs Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 2, 2020

7:00pm

Visitors are welcome to all City meetings; however, pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-43 limiting gatherings of no more than 50 people (or 50% of room occupancy) and a requirement to wear a face covering in public places, physical attendance at public meetings may be limited or restricted. For more information please see the "Notice Regarding Meeting and Public Comment Rule Modification Due to COVID-19".

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - Jay Womack Bill Doeckel Adam McMillen Jeanine McMillen Tom Dickinson Carrie Carter John Frankenthal Stephanie O'hara Dan Ludwig Kelvin Limbrick Rachel Ratos Mel Rooney Steve Matravers
3. Amendments to the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting
5. Active Projects:
 - Earth Day Event, April 25, 2020 – Cancelled
 - Eastside Fire Station Natural Landscaping Project
 - i. Redo in Spring of 2021.
 - River Clean-up Day
 - i. The event will be on Sept 19 to align with Our Fox River by the Friends of the Fox River.
 - ii. Meet on Island Park at 8am to set up. Create social distancing places to have volunteers gather.
 - iii. Kelvin is updating the flyer, will distribute to others.
 - iv. Jay will bring bags, snacks, drinks.
 - v. Steve will bring soap and water and bottled water to drink.
 - vi. We all will bring masks,
 - Rain Barrels for sale
 - i. Have sold three barrels, still have four terra cotta in storage.
 - Greening Geneva Initiative
 - i. Total trees planted by NRC and GPDF in 2019 is 348.
 - ii. Jay met with PW to look at places for trees on 3rd. 5 tree grates and 1 planter island in front of All Chocolate Kitchen, 1 in front of the post office, and three places in the parkway were identified on the walk. Getting a quote from Wasco for trees to be planted this Fall.
 - iii. Community Canopy – an Arbor Day Foundation Program. Steve looked into the program, it is not something the NRC would be able to use.
 - Wine, Cheese, and Trees.
 - i. Jay talked to Sheavoun about moving the event to Summer and holding it outside. Based on current Phase 4 requirements, we would need to confine 50 people and social distance them. WCT may not be possible for 2021.
 - Fabyan Preserve Stewardship
 - i. Workdays will begin again in October. The full schedule has been sent out and posted with City.
 - Elm Park Restoration Work
 - i. Update from Kelvin
 - NRC Facebook page and Instagram
 - i. General update
 - Tree Ordinance
 - i. Waiting to hear back from City re:revisions from NRC.
6. New Initiatives
 - Garner support and funds for a few recycle bins for downtown.
 - Create an education piece to reduce plastic and styrofoam at restaurants. Mel and Stephanie to meet with Lake Shore to hear about their recycling practices.
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Additional business
9. Adjournment