



Batavia Environmental Commission
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA
Wednesday ,February 10, 2021 7:00 p.m.
via Teams

1. Call to order/Member and Guest Introductions

Members present:

Andrew Greenhagen, Andrew Deitchman, Alex Zelles, Carolyn Burnham, Rahat Bari, Michael Willuweit,
Anna Bakker

Volunteers/Special Guests present: Jen Ress

Absent: Emma Cole

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved and sent.

3. Green Night at the Movies

Limestone Production Group will be assisting with the event. The film will be streamed via Facebook live on March 10, 2021 at 7pm. Permission has been granted from the distributor for the Facebook live event.

4. Single Use Plastics

Carolyn heard from Maura Hirschauer that the House bill did not pass, and no response has been received yet from Karina Villa or Bill Harmon. The Senate bill will likely not be going anywhere. BEC discussed postponing the presentation to City Council until COVID dispatates and it makes sense to implement. BEC will work to have the presentation and draft ordinance ready to go for when it makes sense to present to Council. BEC will circle back in a month or two. Anna mentioned that if we can be ahead of the curve and be grandfathered in, then we know the fee stays in the community for environmental initiatives.

It was discussed that if the county and other municipalities get on board, then people may be less likely to leave Batavia businesses and stores. St. Charles was interested at one time, and Geneva's status is unknown (follow up with Abby Beck). Carolyn will check in with Jennifer Garland to check County initiative.

5. Big & Little Trees

Batavia Big Tree Program - Work in progress. Andrew G. emailed Kane County regarding their Big Tree program. They sent their Google Map of county big trees, and Andrew inquired as to whether or not they would want to work with us and is waiting on a response. Alex will check out iNaturalist and NASA observer apps as an interface. Rahat mentioned Google Map as an interface - the City will not open up their GIS program and data layers for use.

Little Trees - Anna has reserved 200 trees for Arbor Day/April. 100 are *Quercus rubra* (red oak) and 100 are *Quercus macrocarpa* (bur oak). Distribution will be similar to last year. Promotion ideas were discussed - reach out to Park District to see if Bruce the Spruce might make an appearance.

6. Earth Day

Andrew D. will take the lead. The World Earth Day 2021 theme is "Restore Our Earth". Does BEC want to hold any community events?

7. Open Discussion

Andrew G. signed BEC up for the Illinois Environmental Council consultation, offering a free tier for community councils.

Gary Holm filled out the Chicago Area Clean Cities survey and Andrew submitted; this gives us a free membership.

Maura Hirschauer contacted Carolyn about being on her advisory committee as a co-chair. Others from the BEC should consider jumping in to the meetings from time to time as a participant.

BEC received a nice email about the compost information available on the website.

8. Adjournment