

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Statutes of the State of Illinois and the Ordinances of the City of Highland Park, the next meeting of the Natural Resources Commission of the City of Highland Park is scheduled to be held at the hour of 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 1707 St. John's Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois, during which it is anticipated there will be a discussion of the following:

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011
1707 ST. JOHN'S AVENUE
HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS
6:30 P.M.

MEETING AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2011 and May 1, 2011

IV. Business from the Public

V. New Business

- A. Consideration of a Nomination for the Award for Meritorious Service to the Highland Park Environment
- B. Discussion of July 4th Event Planning
- C. Report on North Shore Commissioners Meeting

VI. Old Business

- A. Status Report on the Green Team
- B. Reminder of Chicago River Day Cleanup Event on May 14, 2011
- C. Status Report on Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup Event
- D. Reminder of HP Library/NRC/LWV-Sponsored Movie Screening on May 22 and Status Report on Potential Movie Titles for the 2011 Movie Series
- E. Status Report on the Environmental Commission Plastic Bag Ordinance Recommendations

VII. Other Business

- A. Commissioner Comments
- B. City Council Liaison Comments
- C. Administrative Items

VIII. Adjournment

Posted in City Hall on May 4, 2011

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND
PARK, ILLINOIS**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, April 13, 2011

MEETING LOCATION: Pre-Session Room, City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, IL

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:38 p.m., Chairman Bogot called the meeting to order and the Staff Liaison called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bogot, Compher, Dennison, Friedman, Hill, Himmelfarb, Matthews, Naftzger, Sultan, Brint, Meyer and Mandel

Members Absent: None

The Staff Liaison declared that there was a quorum of the Commission present.

Staff Present: Staff Liaison Barbara Cates and Technical Advisor Michael Bernardi

Also Present: None

MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of the Natural Resources Commission—March 9, 2011

Commissioner Hill moved approval of the presented minutes of the regular meeting of the Natural Resources Commission held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Commissioner Compher seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, Chairman Bogot declared that the motion passed 8-0-1, with Commissioner Matthews abstaining due to his absence at the meeting on March 9, 2011.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Marjie Ettlinger, representative of the League of Women Voters of Highland Park, asked to be copied on Commission e-mailings.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of New Student Representative

Chairman Bogot welcomed Zachary Brint to the Commission. Brint discussed his passion for the environment and willingness to get involved in the Commission's work.

Commissioner Sultan joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

B. Review of Commission Protocols

Chairman Bogot reminded Commissioners to adhere to the City's adopted Commission Protocols.

C. Discussion of Draft Commission Action Plan for 2011 and 2012

Chairman Bogot presented an overview of this Item. Staff Liaison Cates reminded the Commission to keep projects that are not listed on the Action Plan in mind for discussion at a Commission retreat, to be held in the summer.

Vice Chair Naftzger stressed the importance of the "responsible party" column, noting that it is intended to demonstrate a commitment to a meaningful outcome for each of the listed initiatives.

Chairman Bogot led a brief discussion of and accepted volunteers for each initiative.

D. Discussion of Commission Participation in Beach and River Cleanup Events

Commissioner Matthews volunteered to draft a public announcement for the Chicago River Day cleanup event scheduled on May 14, 2011 and send it to the Park District and City staff for distribution. Staff Liaison Cates noted that she will work with the City Manager's Office to acquire a dumpster for the event and to post the announcement online.

Mayor-elect Rotering encouraged the Commission to set up a Facebook page to highlight information on the Commission's environmental events and initiatives. Rotering also encouraged Student Representative Brint to explore the possibility of an "Environmental Minute" segment on HPTV to get students involved in local efforts.

Chairman Bogot noted that the Adopt-a-Beach cleanup event will be held in September. Bogot encouraged the Commission to consider adopting a beach. Commissioner Matthews and Marjie Ettliger volunteered to coordinate efforts.

Marjie Ettliger and Park District Representative Meyer discussed an upcoming Park District event focused on ravine ecology. Commissioner Hill encouraged the Park District to involve the Commission in future lakefront-related educational events.

Staff Liaison Cates displayed the educational posters for the kiosks at Rosewood and Millard Beaches and encouraged the Commission to think about educational topics for future displays.

E. Discussion of Commission Interest in Educational Ravine Walk

Commissioner Sultan volunteered to host an educational ravine walk for Commissioners on Sunday, May 1st at 9:00 a.m. Staff Liaison Cates noted that a public notice will be posted for the event and emailed to the Commission as a reminder.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Green Team Status Report

Commissioner Himmelfarb stated that there is no new information to report. Himmelfarb and Student Representative Brint discussed opportunities for Brint's involvement.

B. Status Report on Potential Collaboration with the Highland Park Library for the Annual Green Festival

Chairman Bogot reported that the Highland Park Library will host an event in 2012; Commissioner Dennison noted that she will coordinate with the Library.

Commissioner Compher left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

C. Status Report on Potential Movie Titles for the 2011 Movie Series

Commissioner Dennison reported that *Blue Gold: Water Wars* will be screened at the Highland Park Library on May 22nd. Dennison volunteered to contact the Highland Park Library to determine available dates for movie screenings in the remainder of 2011.

D. Status Report on Polystyrene Pilot Program

Councilman Mandel presented an overview on this Item, noting that he is working with community retailers and restaurateurs and will soon launch a public relations campaign to generate press for the program. The Commission discussed ways to encourage recycling including: having restaurants accept used polystyrene, bringing reusable containers for restaurant leftovers, releasing a presentation on Youtube and posting signs in drive-thrus.

Commissioner Hill left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Friedman discussed the tree loss associated with the Congress Parkway Improvement Project.

Councilman Mandel reported that he is moving forward with the Environmental Commission's recommendation concerning plastic (film) recycling receptacle requirements for commercial establishments greater than 10,000 sq. ft. at an upcoming City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bogot adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara E. Cates, Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ON _____

- WITH NO CORRECTIONS
- WITH CORRECTIONS _____
(SEE MINUTES OF [_____] MEETING FOR CORRECTIONS)

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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS**

MEETING DATE: Sunday, May 1, 2011

MEETING LOCATION: Rosewood Beach, Highland Park, Illinois, 60035

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Sultan called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bogot, Dennison, Himmelfarb, Hill, Matthews, Sultan and Councilman Mandel

Members Absent: Compher, Friedman, Naftzger and Brint

Commissioner Sultan declared that a quorum of the Natural Resources Commission was present.

Also Present: Councilman-elect Paul Frank, Park District Representative Rebecca Grill and Jon Shabica of Shabica and Associates

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

An educational tour of ravines and bluffs was conducted by Commissioner Sultan with presentations by Rebecca Grill and Jon Shabica. Presentations covered the geology and ecology of the lakefront and ravine ecosystems and discussion of the environmental impact of weather, wave action and stormwater drainage. Oversight responsibilities of members of the Natural Resources Commission were emphasized. Best practices for homeowners for maintenance and restoration of properties and the Lake Michigan shoreline were outlined.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sultan adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas R. Sultan
Natural Resources Commissioner

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Memorandum

To: Members of the Natural Resources Commission

From: Barbara E. Cates, Planner
Michael Bernardi, Assistant Civil Engineer

Date: May 4, 2011

Re: Agenda Items for the May 11th Meeting of the Natural Resources Commission

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of a Nomination for the Award for Meritorious Service to the Highland Park Environment 6:40 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.

Prior to the formation of the Natural Resources Commission, the Environmental Commission solicited nominations for the Award for Meritorious Service to the Highland Park Environment. The Commission has since received one application for consideration, which will be provided to Commissioners under separate cover. At the upcoming meeting, it is recommended that the Commission consider the nomination and determine if an award should be presented at the June Commission meeting.

B. Discussion of July 4th Event Planning 6:50 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.

Per the Action Plan approved at the last Commission meeting, the Commission is scheduled to provide educational information at a booth during the City's July 4th event. Chairman Bogot will lead a discussion of this item to determine event logistics.

C. Report on North Shore Commissioners Meeting 7:05 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Chairman Bogot will present information on this agenda item.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Status Report on the Green Team 7:15 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.

Commissioner Himmelfarb will present information on this agenda item.

B. Reminder of Chicago River Day Cleanup Event on May 14, 2011 7:20 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.

Commissioner Matthews will present information on this agenda item.

C. Status Report on Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup Event 7:25 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Bogot will present information on this agenda item.

D. Reminder of HP Library/NRC/LWV-Sponsored Movie Screening on May 22 and Status Report on Potential Movie Titles for the 2011 Movie Series 7:35 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.

Commissioner Dennison has arranged to screen the film *Blue Gold: Water Wars* at the Highland Park Library on May 22nd. At the upcoming meeting, the Commission is asked to discuss other titles and possible showing times so that a schedule of screenings for the remainder of the year can be established.

E. Status Report on the Environmental Commission Plastic Bag Ordinance Recommendations 7:40 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Councilman Mandel will present information on this agenda item.

ATTACHMENTS

- Aerial of Chicago River Day Cleanup Event Location

