

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, November 9, 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, NOVEMBER 9, 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: October 12, 2011

IV. Business from the Public

V. New Business

- A. Adoption of a Resolution Setting the 2012 Commission Meeting Dates

VI. Old Business

- A. Status Report on the Polystyrene Recycling Pilot Program Outreach Efforts
- B. Status Report on the North Shore Environmental Commission Meeting
- C. Status Report on the Green Team
- D. Status Report on Potential Movie Titles for the 2011 and 2012 Movie Series Screenings
- E. Status Report on the City Council's Presentation of the 2011 Award for Meritorious Service to the Highland Park Environment
- F. Status Report on the City Council's Consideration of the Proposed Plastic Bag/Film Recycling Receptacle Ordinance
- G. Status Report on the City Council's Consideration of the Proposed Yellow Pages Waste Reduction Ordinance
- H. Status Report on the Implementation of the City Sustainability Plan

VII. Other Business

- A. Commissioner Comments
- B. Administrative Items

VII. Adjournment

Posted in City Hall on November 2, 2011

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

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2011

MEETING LOCATION: Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park, IL

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:40 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, Sultan, Brint and Meyer

Members Absent: Naftzger

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

Staff Present: Staff Liaison Barbara Cates

Also Present: Councilman Steve Mandel

MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of the Lakefront Commission— September 14, 2011

Commissioner Matthews moved for approval of the presented minutes of the regular meeting of the Natural Resources Commission held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, Chairman Bogot declared that the motion passed 6-0-2, with Commissioners Compher and Himmelfarb abstaining due to their absence at the September 14th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Approval of Recommendation to the City Council to Adopt a Proposed Yellow Pages Waste Reduction Ordinance

Chairman Bogot presented an overview of this Item, discussing the empirical data which supports the proposed regulations. The Commission discussed the differences between “opt in” and “opt out” Yellow Pages Phone Book restrictions and determined that the “opt out” structure of the proposed Ordinance is appropriate.

Commissioner Matthews voted to recommend City Council approval of the proposed Yellow Pages Waste Reduction Ordinance in material form and forward the Ordinance to the City Council for consideration. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, Chairman Bogot declared that the motion passed 7-0-1, with Commissioner Friedman abstaining from the vote.

B. Consideration of Commissioner Nominations for the Award for Meritorious Service to the Highland Park Environment

Chairman Bogot invited Councilman Mandel to present an overview of this Item. Councilman Mandel discussed his nomination application for Joyce O'Keefe, noting that O'Keefe has made personal efforts to enhance the Highland Park environment and was instrumental in the establishment of the Openlands Lakeshore Preserve.

Commissioner Dennison moved to recommend that the City Council award Joyce O'Keefe with the 2011 Award for Meritorious Service to the Highland Park Environment. Commissioner Matthews seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, Chairman Bogot declared that the motion passed 8-0.

Staff Liaison Cates noted that she would make the arrangements to present the award at an upcoming City Council meeting.

C. Discussion of 2012 Work Program and Project Assignments

Chairman Bogot and Staff Liaison Cates presented an overview of this Item, and led a discussion of a draft 2012 Action Plan excel spreadsheet. Commissioners discussed possible projects for 2012. Commissioner Dennison discussed the Five for the Future program at Jewel. Commissioner Sultan suggested writing an article to thank and recognize environmentally-conscious businesses. Vice Chair Himmelfarb discussed the possibility of providing stickers for paper towel dispensers to encourage less usage/waste. Commissioner Friedman discussed several possibilities including car stickers and water bottle taxation. Commissioner Matthews discussed the need for downtown clustered recycling/trash bins and Councilman Mandel replied that costs are being examined.

Commissioner Matthews also discussed the need for expanded facility hours for polystyrene recycling drop-offs and updated guidelines for ravine maintenance. Commissioners Hill and Sultan indicated that they would work with City staff and Rebecca Grill to develop updated guidelines. The Commission discussed the possibility of leading a seminar on best practices with the Park District in the second quarter of 2012.

Vice Chair Himmelfarb requested adding the Polystyrene Recycling Pilot Program and the North Shore Environmental Commissioners Group to the Action Plan list. Himmelfarb suggested removing the milk carton promotional *Highlander* article from the list.

Commissioner Hill requested adding Project Citizen to the Action Plan list.

Chairman Bogot requested that ravine cleanups be added to the Action Plan list under item

5, and suggested that the Commission make an effort to serve as a captain at both the Friends of the Chicago River cleanup event and the Adopt-A-Beach event in 2012.

Staff Liaison Cates reminded Commissioners to give her important 2012 event dates so that a master Commission calendar can be drafted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Dennison reported that the recent screening of the film *Dirt* at the library was a success, and many students attended the event. Vice Chair Himmelfarb suggested that future movie titles could be tied into school classes and lessons to continue school children's participation.

Student Representative Brint reported that the Green School Initiative is assisting with the promotion of the polystyrene recycling pilot program. Students have been in touch with all of the restaurants in Highland Park and are creating a master list to identify which establishments use polystyrene and which accept promotional stickers and posters. Brint noted that he would work with Councilman Mandel and Staff Liaison Cates to order more stickers and posters for distribution.

Councilman Mandel reported that he is working on the logistics of the draft Ordinance which would require the provision of plastic bag recycling receptacles in certain business uses over 10,000 sq. ft., and the item will soon go to City Council for consideration.

Commissioner Matthews left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Vice Chair Himmelfarb briefed the Commission on the Go Green Group's recent work on energy consumption, food composting and recycling opportunities for polystyrene, cell phones and batteries.

Councilman Mandel discussed an enclosed tube composting system at Menoni and Mecogni.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bogot adjourned the meeting at 7:45 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)



Memorandum

To: Members of the Natural Resources Commission

From: Barbara E. Cates, Planner

Date: November 2, 2011

Re: Agenda Items for the November 9th Meeting of the Natural Resources Commission

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of a Resolution Setting the 2012 Commission Meeting Dates

A draft Resolution setting the 2012 Commission meeting dates is attached for review. The Commission is being asked to consider and approve the Resolution at the upcoming meeting so that it may be posted as required.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Status Report on the Polystyrene Recycling Pilot Program Outreach Efforts

Student Representative Brint will provide an update on this agenda item.

B. Status Report on the North Shore Environmental Commission Meeting

Chairman Bogot and Vice Chair Himmelfarb will provide an update on this agenda item.

C. Status Report on the Green Team

Vice Chair Himmelfarb will provide an update on this agenda item.

D. Status Report on Potential Movie Titles for the 2011 and 2012 Movie Series Screenings

Commissioner Dennison will provide an update on this agenda item.

E. Status Report on the City Council's Presentation of the 2011 Award for Meritorious Service to the Highland Park Environment

Staff Liaison Cates will provide an update on this agenda item.

F. Status Report on the City Council's Consideration of the Proposed Plastic Bag/Film Recycling Receptacle Ordinance

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G. Status Report on the City Council's Consideration of the Proposed Yellow Pages Waste Reduction Ordinance

Councilman Naftzger will provide an update on this agenda item.

H. Status Report on the Implementation of the City Sustainability Plan

Vice Chair Himmelfarb and Staff Liaison Cates will provide an update on this agenda item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Resolution Setting the 2012 Commission Meeting Dates

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK**

WHEREAS, Act 120 of Chapter 5, Illinois Compiled Statutes, requires the Natural Resources Commission to give public notice of its schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION ONE: That the Natural Resources Commission of the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois, adopts hereby the public notice of its regular meetings in the following form:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Natural Resources Commission of the City of Highland Park will convene at 6:30 p.m. at Highland Park City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois, to conduct its regular meetings during calendar 2012 upon the following dates:

January 11
February 8
March 14
April 11
May 9
June 13
July 11
August 8
September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12

SECTION TWO: That the Secretary of the Natural Resources Commission of the City of Highland Park be and is directed hereby to post a copy of the Public Notice contained in this Resolution in the City Hall Administrative Offices and to supply copies of this Notice as and in the manner provided by law.

SECTION THREE: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED: November 9, 2011

APPROVED: November 9, 2011

William Bogot, Chairman of the Natural Resources Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary Barbara Cates