

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, January 11, 2012 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, JANUARY 11, 2012
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: December 14, 2011

IV. Business from the Public

V. New Business

- A. Status Report on City Sustainability Initiatives
- B. Overview of City of Highland Park Construction Debris Recycling Requirements

VI. Old Business

- A. Status Report on the Polystyrene Recycling Pilot Program
- B. Status Report on the Green Team
- C. Status Report on Potential Movie Titles for the 2012 Movie Series Screenings

VII. Other Business

- A. Commissioner Comments
- B. Administrative Items

VII. Adjournment

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

MEETING DATE: December 14, 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 (6:55 p.m.), Sultan and Meyer

Members Absent: Naftzger and Brint

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

Staff Present: Staff Liaison Barbara Cates

Also Present: Councilman Mandel and Senior Planner Lee Smith

MINUTES

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

Commissioner Hill moved for approval of the presented minutes of the regular meeting of the Natural Resources Commission held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. Vice Chair Himmelfarb seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, Chairman Bogot declared that the motion passed 5-0-2, with Commissioners Dennison and Sultan voting present due to their absence at the November 9th meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Marjie Ettliger of 91 Sycamore Place discussed the 2011 Program Update from the Safer Pest Control Project. Park District Representative Meyer noted that the Park District Board is assembling a task force to evaluate the pesticide issue for Park property.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Overview of City of Highland Park Wind Energy Systems Zoning Regulations

Senior Planner Lee Smith presented an overview of this Item, describing the wind regulations that were recently implemented by the City of Highland Park. Smith presented information on various components of the regulations including: number of permitted turbines, height, setbacks, sound level, maintenance requirements, color, shadow flicker and signage.

Commissioner Matthews entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Councilman Mandel noted that there is a need to identify installers in the area and work with Delta to promote the installation of wind energy systems. Mandel suggested that, as an example, Senior Planner Smith could take a single-family home through the approval process.

B. Overview of *Bike – Walk HP 2030* (A Complete Streets Policy and Non-Motorized Transportation Plan for the City of Highland Park)

Senior Planner Lee Smith presented an overview of this Item, noting that the goal of Bike-Walk HP 2030 is to encourage people to use alternatives to private automobile transportation, such as biking and walking. Smith discussed the process of drafting the plan, principles of “complete streets,” key elements of plan implementation, and the role of the existing Greenways Plan.

Commissioner Hill stressed that enforcement of regulations will be particularly important to ensure the protection of pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. Park District Representative Meyer discussed his personal experience with biking practices. Senior Planner Smith encouraged Commissioners to send additional comments regarding the plan to him via email.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Status Report on the Polystyrene Recycling Pilot Program

Councilman Mandel presented an overview of this Item, and reported that the polystyrene recycling numbers are up. Staff Liaison Cates reported that additional polystyrene recycling promotional stickers had been delivered to Student Representative Brint for distribution to local restaurants.

Councilman Mandel announced that a Recycling Extravaganza will be held on January 7th at the Firearms Training Station located on Half Day Road. Mandel also reported that Dart Manufacturing recently offered an extruder machine to Waste Management to assist in the establishment of a pilot program to accept commercial polystyrene for recycling.

B. Status Report on the Plastic Bag/Film Recycling Receptacle Ordinance

Staff Liaison Cates noted that the City Council approved the proposed Ordinance on November 28, 2011.

C. Status Report on the Proposed Yellow Pages Waste Reduction Ordinance

Chairman Bogot reported that the proposed draft Ordinance was pulled from the City Council agenda, and the Commission will be informed if the matter is rescheduled for consideration.

D. Status Report on the Green Team

Commissioner Hill and Vice Chair Himmelfarb discussed Seven Generations Ahead's Zero Waste Initiatives, and Hill noted that there is a possibility that Elm Place School will have a one day waste audit to identify opportunities to improve sustainability. Commissioner Hill reported on his work with Project Citizen.

Councilman Mandel noted that the reduction of school waste is a Sustainability Plan objective, and that Delta is in the process of assembling an outreach plan to create a strong stakeholders group to further the priorities of the Sustainability Plan. Staff Liaison Cates noted that she would work with the City Manager's Office to provide a status report to the Commission at a future meeting.

E. Status Report on Potential Movie Titles for the 2012 Movie Series Screenings

Chairman Bogot reported that the recent showing of the movie *Green Fire* was a huge success. Commissioner Friedman noted that he can secure free access to the movie *The Cove*, for screening in the beginning of 2012.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Hill discussed the Friends of Hackmatack's efforts to develop a refuge in Lake County.

Chairman Bogot awarded outgoing Commissioner Friedman with a Resolution to thank him for his service to the Commission, and Commissioners expressed appreciation for his dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bogot adjourned the meeting at 8:25 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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Memorandum

To: Members of the Natural Resources Commission

From: Barbara E. Cates, Planner

Date: January 4, 2012

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Status Report on City Sustainability Initiatives

Assistant to the City Manager Emily Palm will be attending the upcoming meeting to provide the Commission with a status report on the City's sustainability initiatives.

B. Overview of City of Highland Park Construction Debris Recycling Requirements

Building Division Plan Examiner/Inspector Mike Croak will be attending the upcoming meeting to provide the Commission with an overview of the City's recent adoption of construction debris recycling requirements. Please see the attached materials for additional information.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Status Report on the Polystyrene Recycling Pilot Program

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

B. Status Report on the Green Team

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

C. Status Report on Potential Movie Titles for the 2012 Movie Series Screenings

Commissioner Dennison will provide an update on this agenda item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Construction Debris Recycling Requirements



City of Highland Park

Construction Debris Recycling Requirements

Beginning in 2012, Section 170.041 of the city code requires construction debris recycling for the following projects:

1. Construction of a new principal structure, or
2. Demolition of a principal structure, or
3. Projects that involve remodeling and/or addition of 2500 square feet or more.

Projects meeting the above criteria for which permit applications are submitted **January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012** are required to recycle or divert from landfill disposal at least **50%** of their construction debris (calculated by weight).

Projects for which permit applications are submitted **January 1, 2013 and later** are required to recycle or divert from landfill disposal at least **75%** of their construction debris.

There are three steps to construction debris recycling:

1. Submit a recycling plan when you apply for permits (see example on the next page).
2. Have the construction debris hauled to a facility that recycles and ask for paperwork that shows the amount of debris being recycled or diverted from landfill disposal. (If you are dumping mixed debris you will need to request paperwork from the recycling facility showing the percentage of the load recycled or diverted).
3. Prior to final inspection, submit copies of your paperwork with a cover letter showing the percentage of debris recycled or diverted from landfill disposal.

According to Highland Park's Sustainable Community Strategic Plan, construction debris accounted for 10,759 tons of waste generated in Highland Park in 2008. This was 16.8% of the landfill waste generated in town. Reducing this waste was identified as a goal in the Highland Park Sustainable Community Strategic Plan. The construction debris recycling ordinance was then created through the efforts of citizen groups, concluding with the efforts of the Construction Debris Recycling Working Group, which brought together citizen involvement, construction industry representation, and recycling and refuse industry expertise.

The full text of the ordinance is available on the City's website at www.cityhpil.com. If you have any questions, please call the Building Division at 847-432-0808.

Sample Waste Reduction & Recycling Plan

To be submitted with permit application.

(This plan should list where the major components of the debris are going to be hauled and the general contractor should acknowledge that he or she is aware that he is responsible for providing the required documentation prior to final inspection)

Recycling Plan for Demolition of John Doe Residence at 000 Central Avenue.

Anticipated start date: month day, year.

The concrete material will be hauled to concrete plant A, to be recycled.

The asphalt material will be hauled to asphalt plant B, to be recycled.
(Note that separate hauling of different materials is not required, since it is often possible to meet the required percentage by hauling everything to a general construction debris recycling facility, but contractors often find it more economical to haul concrete or asphalt to the concrete or asphalt plant when they have substantial amounts of concrete or asphalt.)

The remainder of the debris will be hauled to construction debris recycling facility C.
(There are several general construction debris recycling facilities in our area that will sort construction debris to separate the debris that can be recycled or diverted to other uses. See list of recycling facilities on the following page.)

I, general contractor, will be responsible for providing the required documentation to demonstrate compliance with Section 170.041 of the Highland Park Code (dumping tickets from recycling facilities showing amount recycled and cover letter stating the total percentage recycled) prior to final inspection.

Signed,

General Contractor

Local Recycling Facilities

Asphalt Recycling

Peter Baker & Son
1349 Rockland Road Lake Bluff, IL 60044
(847) 362-3663

Curran Contracting Company
941 Skokie Highway
Lake Bluff, IL 60044
847-689-1181

Concrete Recycling

Vulcan Materials
29821 North Skokie Highway
Lake Bluff, IL 60044
(847) 578-9622

Thelen
Antioch Facility
28955 W. IL Route 173
Antioch, IL 60002
(847) 838-8800

General Construction Debris Recycling

C&D Recycling
2300 Carlson Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062
(847) 291-1222

K. Hoving Recycling & Disposal
2351 Powis Road, West Chicago, IL 60185
(630) 377-7000

MBL Recycling
630 South Hicks Road, Palatine, IL 60067
(847) 776-1500

Metal Recycling

Rondout Iron & Metal Company
1501 Rockland Road, Lake Bluff, IL 60044
(847) 362-2750

Cleveland Corporation
42810 N Green Bay Rd, Zion, IL 60099
(847) 872-7200

C&M Recycling
1600 Morrow Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064
(847) 578-1066