

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, February 8, 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, FEBRUARY 8, 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: January 11, 2012

IV. Business from the Public

V. New Business

- A. Discussion of Upcoming Opportunities to Collaborate with the Park District on Environmental Education
- B. Discussion of Potential Informational Kiosk Display Topics

VI. Old Business

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

VII. Other Business

- A. Commissioner Comments
- B. Administrative Items

VIII. Adjournment

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

MEETING DATE: January 11, 2012

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

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:35 p.m., Chairman Bogot called the meeting to order and the Staff Liaison called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bogot, Compher, Hill, Himmelfarb, Sultan (6:40 p.m.), Naftzger, Brint, Beck and Meyer

Members Absent: Dennison and Matthews

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

Staff Present: Staff Liaison Barbara Cates

Also Present: Councilman Mandel, Assistant to the City Manager Emily Palm, and Building Division Inspector/Plan Examiner Mike Croak

MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of the Natural Resources Commission— December 14, 2011

Commissioner Compher moved for approval of the presented minutes of the regular meeting of the Natural Resources Commission held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, Chairman Bogot declared that the motion passed 4-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairman Bogot noted that there is no business from the public.

Bogot introduced the Commission's new Student Representative, Scott Beck. Bogot noted that Zacko Brint will also continue to serve on the Commission as a Student Representative through June 2012. Student Representative Beck briefly discussed his interests and experience and thanked the Commission for the opportunity to get involved.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Status Report on City Sustainability Initiatives

Emily Palm, Assistant to the City Manager, presented an overview of this Item. Palm discussed information regarding: 1) the timeline for implementation of the Sustainability Plan; 2) the roles of the Delta Institute, the Center for Neighborhood Technology and Seven Generations Ahead; and, 3) the City's top sustainable priorities which include electric vehicle charging stations, enhanced recycling opportunities and the Zero Waste School Pilot Program.

Councilman Mandel discussed the importance of promoting the sustainability initiatives and engaging the public. Palm reported that the City recently applied for a grant to provide downtown recycling bins. Councilman Naftzger discussed the City's water usage data. The Commission discussed the need for an "environmental report card." Palm noted that the final report from the Delta Institute is expected in March, after which the City will begin the tasks necessary to accomplish the sustainability initiatives.

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

Mike Croak, Building Division Inspector/Plan Examiner, presented an overview of the Item. Croak discussed the origins, approval process and elements of the construction debris recycling requirements. Croak noted that Highland Park is the first municipality in Lake County to require construction debris recycling. Councilman Mandel noted that the Ordinance could be amended in the future to make the regulations more stringent if necessary.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Status Report on the Polystyrene Recycling Pilot Program

Councilman Mandel noted that it is unlikely that the recycling facility on Half Day Road will be kept open 24-hours a day; however, it is anticipated that the City will hold 4 "extravaganza-style" recycling events in 2012. Mandel noted that approximately 14 tons of electronics had been collected at a recent recycling event, and that the Commission's assistance with future events would be appreciated.

B. Status Report on the Green Team

Vice Chair Himmelfarb noted that the next Green Team meeting is scheduled, and a status report will be provided in February. Commissioner Hill discussed the challenges of the Zero Waste School Program initiatives, and the Commission observed that the focus should be on the potential financial savings. Student Representative Brint noted that he will be attending an upcoming student group meeting with the school administration to discuss recycling opportunities and will report back to the Commission.

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

Chairman Bogot noted that Commissioner Dennison would provide an update on the next film screening in February.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Naftzger noted that he is currently working with the Yellow Pages Phone Book industry to establish a voluntary approach pilot program, and he will provide the Commission with a status report once more information is available.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bogot adjourned the meeting at 8:00 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: February 1, 2011

Re: Agenda Items for the February 8th Meeting of the Natural Resources Commission

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of Upcoming Opportunities to Collaborate with the Park District on Environmental Education

Park District Representative Meyer will discuss opportunities for Commission representation at the following upcoming ravine-bluff education events:

- **Saturday, April 14th:** Ravine Walk at Ravine Drive
- **April, Date To Be Determined:** It is anticipated that Braeside School students will release the Rainbow Trout that they've been raising into the Ravine Drive outfall
- **Saturday, May 19th:** Rosewood Volunteer Workday & Lakefront Bird Survey
- **June, Date To Be Determined:** Ravine Clean Up with Trout Unlimited

B. Discussion of Potential Informational Kiosk Display Topics

As part of the Commission's 2012 Work Plan, Commissioners Hill and Sultan will lead a discussion of possible educational topics to include in the kiosk displays at Rosewood and Millard Beaches that the Commission generally refreshes three times per year.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Status Report on City Sustainability Initiatives

Chairman Bogot will provide an update on this agenda item.

B. Status Report on the Polystyrene Recycling Pilot Program

Student Representative Brint 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 2012 Movie Series Screenings

Commissioner Dennison will provide an update on this agenda item.