



Batavia Environmental Commission
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA
Wednesday, January 13 2021 7:00 p.m.
via Teams

1. Call to order/Member and Guest Introductions

Members present:

Emma Cole, Andrew Greenhagen, Andrew Deitchman, Andrea Podraza, Alex Zelles, Carolyn Burnham, Michael Willuweit, Rahat Bari, Anna Bakker

Volunteers/Special Guests present: Sarah Kimber, Jen Ress

Absent:

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved and sent.

3. Green Night at the Movies

Registration link and invite is nearly ready and will be sent out soon. Andrew Deitchman and Carolyn will do a dry run to make sure all the technology works smoothly. Presenters and participants will sign in differently. Carolyn has several presenters lined up for the evening.

4. Green Ole Update

There will be a press release sent out by the Chamber of Commerce in the next few weeks. We will purchase a physical award through them. The Inspire event is still tentatively planned for May.

5. Single Use Plastics

We are still working on the presentation to make sure all information is accurate and complete. The Batavia Environmental Commission may not want to pursue this if the state is already going to put a bag fee in place. However, we could possibly include language that we will drop our fee if the state incurs a fee in the future. We need to look into whether this is possible and reconvene on this topic. Carolyn will reach out to Maura Hirschauer to see what is going on with the bills at the state level.

6. Trees

The BEC is thinking about Batavia Big Trees and Anna will send Alex some contacts to help get this initiative started. BEC will also try to partner with the Batavia Tree Commission on this project. The City of Batavia does also have some data on trees that can help as well. iNaturalist or the Globe Observe are apps that might be a good option for this project. Alex will take the lead on this project.

7. Open Discussion

Carolyn has a survey that we can fill out to get a free membership to Chicago Area Clean Cities. She will send it to Andrea to look it over.

If anyone has any ideas for grants, send them to Andrew. There are casino grants available.

8. Adjournment