



Batavia Environmental Commission
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA
Wednesday, August 14, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Alderman's Room

1. Call to order/Member and Guest Introductions

Members present:

Carolyn Burnham, Emma Cole, Andrew Greenhagen, Anna Bakker, John Kennedy, Andrew Deitchman, Michael Willuweit

Volunteers/Special Guests present:

Linda Sonner, Brett Garrett, Addison Bakker

Absent:

Andrea Podraza

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved and sent.

3. Green Night at the Movies: Carolyn

Date is set- March 21st. Movie selection TBA. Send recommendations to Carolyn, if you have any. Possible locations- Shannon Hall, Fermilab?

4. Green Business Ole: Emma

An eBlast will be emailed with the pdf in early September to the Batavia Chamber of Commerce's database of 1,500 local business representatives. They will also highlight the award in their Weekly Digest email newsletter starting in September. We have a Facebook post coming out about it and the chamber will also share it.

5. Fox Valley Climate Forum: Bill

Bill is not present tonight.

6. Website Development: Carolyn & Laurie

It's live and under construction. Be sure to add any event photos into the Google drive so Carolyn can include them on the website. Send Carolyn your bios and anything else you want on the website! BEC city of Batavia email would be nice- John will check.

7. Kane County Solar Power Hour: Andrew

Andrew watched the webinar version to learn more about solar on individual homes. It's a group buy for solar power and all the options are pre-selected. Group will determine whether your house is a "good candidate," based on their selections and your location. Deadline is at the end of September, and there is a max number of houses. Another Solar Power Hour at the library will happen in September.

8. Green Infrastructure: Andrew

The ordinance in question pertains to green islands in parking lots, and the number required by developers. This matter will be brought to the BEC and we will tackle this next month, most likely. We will make recommendations based on all the information we receive and our expertise. Andrew Deitchman will head up the research on this. Michael is working on an electric car charger at the library.

9. NAACP: Carolyn

This was a meeting of DuPage County Environmental Commissions. Michael Childress is looking for people to join an Environmental Committee for the NAACP. Carolyn has his contact info if anyone is interested.

Karina Villa is also starting an environmental task force. Information on Facebook.

10. IL Clean Energy Jobs Act: Andrew

Has not been passed yet, but is likely to pass soon. Prairie State and others put together information about how passing this is not advisable (in their view). Andrew spoke with Public Relations and Governmental Affairs at Prairie State about carbon capture or other ways for the plant to operate in a carbon neutral way. Prairie State CEO is actively seeking ways to be carbon neutral. Grants and studies are being pursued. BEC should possibly meet with Karina Villa/Jim Oberweis on this issue. Andrew will set a date

11. Green Event Involvement/volunteers: Emma

BEC Volunteer Signup <https://tinyurl.com/VolunteerBEC>

Sign up for events and let Emma know what else to add! Possible dates for Shannon Grove coming up.

12. Open Discussion

John has sent budget info and requests on to the City for us.

Clark website includes info about mosquito abatement- active ingredient is derived from chrysanthemums.

Health department wants to hold the radon event again and may need our help.
Michael is willing to help.

Linda introduced the Hefty Energybag program. Orange bags are used to gather non-recyclable plastics and use that to create fuel. Advanced Disposal would need to agree and partner with Hefty. This would require some research- Linda will work on this.

Battle of the Brush Pile will be 12/7.

BHS Pond Project- mulch is being donated by Geneva Firewood, workday to follow.
FREP tour- October 9th at around noon or so.

Anna is on the Complete Streets Coalition on October 11th- an initiative to make Batavia more walkable/bikeable.

13. Adjournment