



Batavia Environmental Commission
CITY OF BATAVIA
100 N. Island Ave., Batavia, IL 60510
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AGENDA
Wednesday, August 10, 7:00 p.m.
Alderman's Room

1. Call to Order

2. Member and Guest Introductions

Members: Andrew Greenhagen, Carolyn Burnham, Alex Zelles, Andrew Deitchman, Gary King, Rahat Bari, Emma Cole

Absent: Michael Willuweit

Guests: Jen Ress

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved

4. Green Ole

There was discussion of rebranding this and perhaps having something less formal- more like "Environmental Shout-Outs". Perhaps quarterly. Emma will work on this.

5. Big Trees

Eight people have responded so far and Alex is thinking about finding a way to verify the information. She is trying to work with the Tree Commission on this aspect of the project. After confirming data, the trees could be recommended to the County. We could possibly have a "tree kit" at the library so people could use it to measure their trees.

6. Single Use Plastics & Bag Fee

The meeting on July 29th was productive and we are planning to meet again this Friday (August 12th). The takeaway from the meeting was that the city and the Chamber of Commerce would like to have an educational campaign ahead of possibly enacting a fee. We are working with them to help see this through.

7. Water Willow Plantings

400 water willows have been planted! They have survived their first flood. The event went well. Alex plans to do a follow up presentation to the City about the plantings.

8. Green Night at the Movies

This is on hold for now.

9. Dam Night Out

Carolyn got ahold of Gary Swick and the plan is to have a Dam Night Out in Batavia on Thursday, September 29th. The event would include a short presentation at the dam about the river and the history of the dam. Then everyone would move to Pal Joey's and Gary Swick would present about dam removal, etc. They have done quite a few of these events around the area. We will probably need people to register and we need to figure out if we will be charging. Carolyn will invite City Council and the Park District Board and will work with Pal Joey's on the details.

10. EVs

Andrew Deitchman is working to get us on the City Council agenda to discuss EV infrastructure.

11. Yard Waste

This is on hold for now.

12. Climate Action Plan

Carolyn and Andrew attended the introductory meeting. Attendees have been asked to analyze the plan and see what should be prioritized. Upcoming meetings are August 16th and 30th. The plan is to bring something to City Council in October.

13. Tri City Meeting

Andrew received an invitation from the St. Charles NRC for a meeting with them and the Geneva NRC on Thursday, October 13th at 5 p.m. near the 7th Ave. Creek. This will be our October meeting.

14. Open Discussion

We received a question about what the city is doing about light pollution- which is likely a better question for Public Works.

15. Adjournment