



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Health Conference Room-33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005

February 13, 2024
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. December 5th, 2023 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Climate Plan
- B. Landfill Diversion & Education

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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2/13/2024

Item: Minutes

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December 12th, 2023 Minutes

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Agreement

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from December 5, 2023**

I. Call to Order

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair O'Brien
Commissioner Jaeschke
Commissioner Skrudland
Commissioner Flores
Commissioner Eisenhardt
Youth Commissioner Gil-Lara

Not Present

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

III. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Skrudland moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023, Environmental Commission meeting. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports

Chair O'Brien reported that he had attended a conference in November in Orlando. Two interesting topics were a better system to recycle polypropylene and a new technique in development for recycling PET.

V. Old Business

A. Climate Plan and Benchmarks

The Liaison shared that a staff committee had been created to create a Village sustainability plan and would be meeting in the new year.

Commissioner Jordan shared a list of 6 specific recommendations that should be included in the plan. The other Commissioners agreed on the items as a priority and agreed to forward those items to the staff committee. These items were:

- a green procurement policy
- policy on environmental protection
- reduction of climate change impacts

- converting the Village fleet to alternative fuels
- increasing composting
- increasing knowledge of tree city programs

These recommended priorities aligned with parts of the Greenest Region Compact and were mentioned as important by residents in the survey conducted in 2022.

Commissioner Skrudland told the Liaison that Village staff should review the other communities' plans that the Commission had researched. Commissioner Jordan suggested contacting the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for help in writing the plan. She also said she would research available grants to assist in writing the plan. Commissioner Flores said he would compile information and links in existing documents that could be included in the plan.

B. Single Use Plastics

Commissioner Jordan told the Commission that their research had revealed only 2 local communities that had bans or taxes on plastic bags- Evanston and Oak Park. Commissioner Jaeschke asked if there was a way to approach Village businesses to get feedback on single-use plastic bans or fees. Commissioner Skrudland suggested contacting the Chamber of Commerce for this. Commissioner Flores mentioned that the Village occasionally e-mailed business with surveys, so it was possible.

C. Promotion of Composting Options

There was discussion of finding resources to increase knowledge and use of existing programs. It was agreed to work on this in conjunction with promotion of recycling under the topic of landfill diversion. Commissioner Flores agreed to apply at the Library for a display space for the educational materials.

VI. New Business

VII. Other Business

Chair O'Brien told the Commission that he had submitted his resignation as Chair to the Mayor and was waiting for a replacement to be named.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Commissioner Skrudland to adjourn. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



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