



AGENDA
Environmental Commission
Commissions Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
January 21, 2025
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. December 12th, 2024 Minutes
- IV. REPORTS
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Landfill Diversion and Education
 - B. 2025 Goals
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak on a subject not on the Agenda may speak at this time. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from December 12, 2024**

I. Call to Order

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair Jordan
Commissioner Eisenhardt
Commissioner Skrudland
Commissioner Flores
Commissioner Jaeschke
Commissioner Porwit
Youth Commissioner Gil-Lara

Not Present

Commissioner Sawyer

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Skrudland moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2024, Environmental Commission meeting. Commissioner Eisenhardt seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports

Old Business

A. Landfill Diversion & Educational Materials

Chair Jordan began by reminding the Commission that research topics should be approved by the Village Board before working on them. Commissioner Eisenhardt said that would include educational campaigns. The Chair responded yes, but educational materials to help recycle correctly would probably be something the Board would be in favor of. Commissioner Porwit said the Commission should send the Board a variety of topics to review. The Chair agreed to send some goals and projects for 2025 to the Village Board for approval.

The Commission reviewed ten action steps Commissioner Flores had compiled for reducing solid waste. A list of goals with actions and timelines from Commissioner Porwit was then reviewed. Commissioner Skrudland stated that landfill diversion was too broad a topic and should be narrowed down to specific actions. Commissioner Eisenhardt said it should start with proper recycling education. Commissioner Skrudland brought up a recent incident with a Groot recycling truck as an example of why better education was needed.

There was a discussion on new State laws removing single-use plastic bottles in hotels and requiring composting at event spaces and if the Commission could help Village businesses with compliance. Commissioner Porwit noted some environmental program statistics were available for the Village and Commissioner Flores agreed but thought they should be more visible for the public.

B. Commission Goals

Chair Jordan reviewed the goals discussed by the group in 2023 and said three or four should be selected from that list for possible work in 2025.

Commissioner Eisenhardt moved to approve to make recycling education to reduce solid waste as the goal of the Environmental Commission for 2025. Commissioner Flores seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously

The Chair said specific actions for this goal would be discussed at a January meeting and asked for other special topics that could be forwarded to the Village Board. The Commissioners agreed on:

- increasing visibility of sustainability metrics in the Village
- benchmarking regional single-use plastic reduction laws
- any other topic the Village Board wanted researched

VI. New Business

VII. Other Business

Commissioner Porwit asked if a tour of the Groot Material Recovery Facility could be arranged.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.