



**Village of Lincolnwood
Environmental Commission Meeting
Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room
Monday, February 27, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairperson Ahmed.

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Najia Ahmed, Chairperson
Bridget O'Callaghan Gjokaj, Commissioner
Tabassum Qurashi, Commissioner
Amreena Suri, Commissioner
Nashra Mohammed, Commissioner (Remote, arrived at approximately 7:45 pm)

Members Absent

Jonathan Powell, Commissioner

A quorum was present.

Others Present

Brendon Mendoza, Staff Liaison
Matthew Pasquini, Staff Liaison
Atour Sargon, Trustee Liaison

3. Approval of Minutes from the January 23, 2023, Environmental Commission Meeting

Commissioner Qurashi made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suri.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Commissioners Qurashi, Suri, O'Callaghan Gjokaj

NAYES: None

The motion passed.

4. Chairperson Report

Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission of environmental dates in March and April. Chairperson Ahmed asked for the environmental dates to be posted in the newsletter and Village website. Chairperson Ahmed inquired about Arbor Day events. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the commission that Public Works staff plans an annual Arbor Day tree planting event, and he

will inform the commission of the date and location of the event when the information is made available.

Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission about a presentation from the Outreach Director of the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability, Kate Carney, who is interested in doing a presentation about electric vehicles for the community in July. The presentation will be taking place on Thursday, July 20, at the Lincolnwood Public Library. Chairperson Ahmed also informed the Commission that Ms. Carney will be doing a presentation for the community on composting on May 18 at the Lincolnwood Public Library. Chairperson Ahmed would like to have the date of that event posted in the newsletter.

5. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Qurashi mentioned that she has been attending School District 74 (SD74) Board Meetings to share information about the Commission related to the environment and sustainability.

6. New Business

a. Presentation of Pulse Technology

Fadi Zaibal from Pulse Technology gave a presentation about his company and the services they offer. Pulse Technology is a firm dedicated to sustainable office solutions.

Chairperson Ahmed thanked Mr. Zaibal for his presentation and informed him if they need any additional information they will reach out.

b. Introduction of Go Green Lincolnwood

Chairperson Ahmed introduced Cheryl Trilling, a former teacher at Todd Hall and a founding member of Go Green Lincolnwood. Ms. Trilling introduced Go Green Lincolnwood as a community organization that facilitates the sharing of ideas related to sustainability among nearby communities and throughout the state.

Chairperson Ahmed stated that it would be a great idea to have Go Green Lincolnwood participate in more environmental events with the Commission. She stated she would like to have Cheryl Trilling attend future Environmental Commission meetings.

7. Old Business

a. Sustainability Plan

Staff Liaison Mendoza requested final comments from the Commission on the current draft of the sustainability plan by the end of the week. He stated that once final comments are received, he will then share the plan with department heads so they can provide feedback. The final step will be to share with the Board for approval.

Chairperson Ahmed suggested focusing on three (3) main topics when presenting to the board.

Chairperson Ahmed began a conversation on considering alternate ways of increasing public engagement with environmental issues, such as composting in the future. Trustee Sargon suggested providing more education such as door to door efforts or more information at Oaktobefest Fest.

8. Staff Report

Staff Liaison Mendoza shared that the Village will be purchasing multiple hybrid squad cars for the Police Department.

Staff Liaison Pasquini announced that the Village recently purchased and plans to install an electric vehicle charging station at Proesel Park.

9. Comments from the Public

None.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Qurashi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Commissioner Mohammed seconded the motion.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Commissioners Mohammed, Suri, Qurashi, O'Callaghan Gjokaj

NAYES: None

The motion passed.

By: Matt Pasquini, Management Analyst