



**Village of Lincolnwood
Environmental Commission Meeting
Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room
Monday, May 22, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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
Jonathan Powell, Commissioner

Members Absent

None.

A quorum was present.

Others Present

Brendon Mendoza, Staff Liaison
Atour Sargon, Trustee Liaison
Cheryl Trilling, Go Green Lincolnwood

3. Approval of Minutes from the March 27, 2023, Environmental Commission Meeting

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

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYES: None

The motion passed.

4. Chairperson Report

Chairperson Ahmed thanked everyone for their help and participation in the Valley Line Clean Up event. There were over 30 volunteers and over 10 bags of garbage collected.

Chairperson Ahmed inquired about the Environmental calendar and if it is posted online.

Chairperson Ahmed requested an update regarding Bonnie Ognisanti from Niles Township to present to the Commission. Commission agreed to have Ms. Ognisanti present, Staff Liaison Mendoza will coordinate and update the Commission with a date.

Chairperson Ahmed updated the Commission on environmental dates.

Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission of a comment left from a former Commissioner, Dale Wickum. Mr. Wickum is requesting that Village ordinance information regarding leaf blowers needs to be posted in the newsletter. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that it is posted in the newsletter.

5. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Qurashi said something but I could not hear at all. Not sure if it is worth mentioning.

Commissioner Powell brought up lead service line. Staff Liaison Mendoza said something in reply, could not hear. Not sure worth mentioning. 52.50

6. New Business

a. EV Library presentation

Chairperson Ahmed reminded the Commission of the electrical vehicle presentation on July 20th at 7pm presented by the Cook County Department of Sustainability given by Kate Carney. Presentation is being held at the Village of Lincolnwood Library. Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission that it will be a joint presentation with the Commission banner and Commission members participation. Chairperson Ahmed asked the Commission if anyone had any comments or questions. Chairperson Ahmed informed the group of the new EV chargers and directed the conversation toward Staff Liaison Mendoza who informed the group of the new EV chargers at Proesel Park. Commission discussed rules for members to attend the presentation. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the group that only 2 members of the Commission can attend at a time. Staff Liaison Mendoza will check with the Village attorney regarding the rules of the commission attending the presentation and inform the group.

Chairperson Ahmed asked commission if anyone has any other items to discuss during new business. Commissioner Powell brought up PFAS and what Lincolnwood is doing to educate the residents. Chairperson Ahmed suggested putting information on website regarding PFAS. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the group that it has been posted on the website and will continue to be posted on the website. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that he would speak with the Public Works Superintendent to attend a meeting to discuss PFAS with the Commission.

Commissioner Suri informed the group of the tour she took at Groot. She inquired if any information can be posted in the newsletter regarding how to recycle pots and pans. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the group of handouts that are given to Public Works regarding recycling and will follow up with Groot as well as posting information in the newsletter.

Chairperson Ahmed brought attention to an idea of having Lincolnwood Fest a zero waste event. Chairperson Ahmed introduced Cheryl Trilling, a former teacher at Todd Hall and a founding member of Go Green Lincolnwood, to speak to the group and inform the Commission on ways Lincolnwood Fest can become zero waste using waste bins.

7. Old Business

a. Sustainability Plan

Chairperson Ahmed asked the Commission if they have anything they want to discuss regarding the sustainability plan. Staff Liaison Mendoza showed the Commission the changes that were made to the sustainability plan. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the group to review the plan and if there are any changes needed to be done to email them to him. Chairperson Ahmed confirmed that it will be presented to the Board in June and informed the Commission that at the next meeting the Commission needs to confirm what they want the Board to focus on.

8. Staff Report

Staff Liaison informed the Commission that Staff Liaison Pasquini will be out for a while longer.

9. Comments from the Public

None.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Mohammed made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion.

Upon roll call the results were:

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

NAYES: None

The motion passed.

By: Brendon Mendoza, Assistant to the Public Works Director