



**Village of Lincolnwood Environmental Commission Meeting  
Village Hall Council Chambers  
Monday, May 23, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by Chairperson Ahmed.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Najia Ahmed, Chairperson  
Tabassum Qurashi, Commissioner  
Amreena Suri, Commissioner  
Jonathan Powell, Commissioner  
Nashra Mohammed, Commissioner

**Members Absent**

Sharon Mau, Commissioner

A quorum was present.

**Others Present**

Brendon Mendoza, Staff Liaison  
Atour Sargon, Trustee Liaison  
Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

**3. Approval of Minutes from the March 28, 2022, Environmental Commission Meeting**

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

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Commissioners Powell, Mohammed, Qurashi, Suri

NAYES: None

The motion passed.

**4. Chairperson Report**

**a. Memorial Day Parade**

Chairperson Ahmed asked there was any interest from the Commission in participating as the Environmental Commission for the Memorial Day Parade.

### **b. Members of the Commission**

Chairperson Ahmed mentioned that a few Commissioners have resigned as well as some members' terms will be ending and is seeking to have the number of members adjusted to seven (7) to be able to still to hold meetings to avoid issues with future meetings due to a lack of quorum. Staff Liaison Mendoza stated he would look into this.

### **c. Channel Clean Up Event**

Chairperson Ahmed asked the Commission if they were interested in organizing another Channel Clean Up Event.

### **d. July Meeting**

Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission that Commissioners Powell and Suri will not be able to attend the July Environmental Commission Meeting. The Commission discussed scheduling a Special Meeting due to the lack of quorum for the regular July Environmental Commission. Staff Liaison Mendoza stated that he will polled the Commission on dates and times and

## **5. Commissioner's Report**

None.

## **6. New Business**

### **a. Oaktoberfest**

Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission of available dates and times for the 2022 Oaktoberfest event. The event is able to be held in the Community Center on either Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm or Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Commission agreed on Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that he will confirm the date and time with the Parks and Recreation Department for use of the Community Center.

## **7. Old Business**

### **a. Sustainability Plan**

Guest speaker, Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus opened the discussion by explaining the Greenest Region Compact ("GRC") and the framework tool that is used to assist communities in formulating a sustainability plan and set goals. Edith Makra closed the discussion with informing the Commission that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus also has a Staff and Environment Committee that meets almost monthly and discusses topics of interest to all of the Greenest Region Compact communities, if the commission is interested in appointing someone to attend.

The Commission then discussed for the next three (3) sections of the Sustainability Plan, Land, Leadership, and Mobility.

Chairperson Ahmed asked if there were any comments or questions for the Land Section. Commissioner Powell asked if there were any goals to redevelop brownfield sites within the Village. Staff Liaison Mendoza stated that he will look into this.

Chairperson Ahmed added that, in regard to being a Tree City, if there was a possibility and cost-effective way to label or install plaques around Lincolnwood to have information of specific trees when the trees are being planted. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that in

other communities there are keychains that can be attached to the trees as a way to label them and can be cost effective and that this could be an idea for the future. Trustee Sargon also mentioned the idea of QR Codes, tree tours, or maps to assist with being able to get residents more informed.

Chairperson Ahmed then moved on to the Leadership section and asked if anyone had any questions or comments. There was none.

Chairperson Ahmed then moved on to the Mobility section and asked if there are any questions or comments. Commissioner Powell commented that the City of Chicago has an anti-idling law that does not allow idling in certain areas and if that is something that is possible for the Village to adopt. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that staff at the Public Works Department already have an informal policy to reduce idling but can work towards formalizing the policy in the future.

Chairperson Ahmed also brought up the idea of electric scooters. She wanted to know if there are any codes in the Village in regards to electric scooters. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that he was not aware of any codes specially for electronic scooters but will look into it. The Commission asked if there is an opportunity for Divvy within the Village. Staff Liaison Mendoza stated he will reach out to Divvy learn more and see if this is a possibility in the future.

## **8. Staff Report**

### **a. Lincolnwood in Bloom**

Staff Liaison Mendoza updated the Commission that Lincolnwood in Bloom will be posted publicly and once it is posted he will inform the Commission of the different entries received after the deadline.

### **b. Mayor's Monarch Pledge**

Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that Lincolnwood has recently adopted the National Wildlife Federation Mayor's Monarch Pledge in April.

## **9. Comments from the Public**

None.

## **10. Adjournment**

Commissioner Qurashi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Commissioners Powell, Mohammed, Qurashi, Suri, and Ahmed

NAYES: None

The motion passed.

By: Brendon Mendoza, Assistant to the Public Works Director