



**Village of Lincolnwood  
Environmental Commission Meeting  
Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room  
Monday, June 26, 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  
Jonathan Powell, Commissioner  
Nashra Mohammed, Commissioner

**Members Absent**

Staff Liaison Pasquini

A quorum was present.

**Others Present**

Brendon Mendoza, Staff Liaison  
Atour Sargon, Trustee Liaison

**3. Approval of Minutes from the May 22, 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, Powell, Mohammed.

NAYES: None

The motion passed.

**4. Chairperson Report**

Chairperson Ahmed reminded the Commission of the EV Presentation given by Kate Carey from Cook County's Department of Sustainability on July 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Lincolnwood Public Library.

Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission of the upcoming environmental dates.

Chairperson Ahmed would like to discuss the next cleanup in September at the next Environmental Commission meeting as well as Oaktober Fest.

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

Commissioner Powell requested that PFAS be discussed at the next meeting when Public Works Superintendent Jason Brianas is in attendance. Commissioner Powell would also like more information on the Village website regarding PFAS.

Commissioner O'Callaghan Gjokaj discussed an article she read from National Geographic.

### **6. New Business**

#### **a. Introduction Niles Township Supervisor Bonnie Kahn Ognisanti**

Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission that the presentation by Niles Township Supervisor was canceled. Staff Liaison Mendoza will reschedule the presentation for the Environmental Commission meeting in August.

#### **b. Water Bottle Design**

Chairperson Ahmed opened the discussion of the design of water bottles for Oaktober Fest/Lincolwood Fest. The Commission discussed the design for the bottle and choose the top 3 designs.

Chairperson Ahmed also opened a discussion for the Commission's table at Lincolnwood Fest and sought volunteers among the commissioners.

### **7. Old Business**

#### **a. Draft Village Sustainability Plan**

Staff Liaison Mendoza presented the Sustainability Plan draft. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that the Plan will be presented to the Board during the Committee of the Whole on July 18, 2023. Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission to send any needed adjustments to Staff Liaison Mendoza.

### **8. Staff Report**

Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that he will be out of the office for about a week. Staff Liaison Pasquini will return on July 10, 2023.

Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the commissioners that Public Works Superintendent Jason Brianas will attend the next Environmental Commission meeting to give an update on water quality and testing.

Staff Liaison Mendoza also informed the Commission that he will bring the Environmental Commission's Biennial Report to the group for review prior to its presentation to the Village Board.

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

None.

### **10. Adjournment**

Commissioner Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Commissioner Mohammed 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