

Edwardsville Cool Cities Advisory Committee

Official Minutes for the meeting on

January 20, 2022

First Floor Conference Room, Edwardsville City Hall

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Members Present: Jamie Henderson, Kristen Pauli, Stephanie Malench, Tom Kinsella, Rachel Tompkins, Brigham Dimick, Cara Lytle

Members Absent: Brad Sauer

Guests: Blerta Beluli, SIUE, Advanced Urban Planning class
Kahletia Washington SIUE, Advanced Urban Planning class

Citizens wishing to speak to the Commission: Barb Kinsella, Emily Ehley

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call – Rachel Tompkins, Jamie Henderson, Stephanie Malench, Kristen Pauli, Tom Kinsella, Brigham Dimick, Cara Lytle
3. Approval of Minutes from the December 16, 2021 Cool Cities Committee meeting JH motioned to approve, SM seconded, all in favor as amended.
4. Citizens wishing to address the Board
5. Announcements - Concern about development in Glen Carbon. A subcommittee be formed to coordinate with GC Cool Cities – SM and RT volunteered. Maximum of two committee members can do so without violating the Open Meetings Act.
6. Old Business
 - A. Supporting a Dark Sky Ordinance
 - B. Review of Sustainability Plan to choose new City/Committee initiatives for 2022 – What are our priorities for the upcoming year? RT highlighted bullets on the Sustainability Plan document:
 - Encourage city to lower minimum parking requirements –
 - Encourage the city to use native plantings –
 - Incentives to do Rain Gardens as a way of reducing parking spaces –
 - Dark Sky ordinance (safer for motorists, saves energy) –
 - Curbside composting (we can advertise where certain institutions accept composting) -
 - Encourage permeable paving (shoot for 20% of new construction – can be sold as safety issue since ice does not form on it – drawback is that it needs maintenance – vacuuming).
 - Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) is a good time to incentivize sustainable practices.The committee voted to prioritize encouraging the city to lower minimum parking requirements and to create incentives to do Rain Gardens as a way of reducing parking spaces.
7. New Business
 - A. Republic Services – Recycling at Public Events Carrie Ward from Republic Service spoke (invited by Cara) – A discussion ensued about how Cool Cities can partner with Republic Services. It depends on the demographics of an event on whether recycling will be well-received. Cardboard receptacles – waste and recycling side by side. She recommends that we stand by the station. The distinction between the receptacles is that the recycling has a small hole while waste is totally open. CC members recommended better labeling. Recommendation was made for a

strategy in which PLASTIC bins and PAPER bins are distinct. Republic Services has an improved sorting facility for its recycling and stated that things have improved regarding recycling being more profitable (but not as profitable as when China was purchasing the product). Much product gets remade into carpet and rope. The facility is in Hazelwood, MO and offers virtual tours. recyclingsimplified.com is their website with content catered towards education. Best use of volunteers is at the recycling stations and to guide folks to separate into TRASH, PLASTIC ONLY, PAPER ONLY. Republic Services can coordinate the Edwardsville Parks division to make sure there is a clear protocol for removal of bins.

B. Plum Creek Green Space – There is an online petition on their FB page and a public demonstration on Jan. 29th at 11pm. The two parcels owned by the county and would be offered to the highest bidder. They will look at bids on February 14th. Edwardsville Planners have little impact on who buys the parcel even though it is within the city.

8. Adjournment 7:48pm
9. Next Meeting - February 17 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 118 Hillsboro Avenue

Rachel V. Tompkins