



Meeting Date: Monday, November 22, 2021

Meeting Time: 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: City Hall Conference Room, 118 Hillsboro Avenue Edwardsville, IL 62025

COOL CITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA Committee Members

Rachel Tompkins, Co-Chair
Jamie Henderson, Co-Chair
Cara Lytle
Brad Sauer

Kristen Pauli
Stephanie Malench
Tom Kinsella
Brigham Dimick

1. Call to Order at 6:12pm

2. Roll Call: Rachel Tompkins, Jamie Henderson, Kristen Pauli, Tom Kinsella, Brigham Dimick present

3. Approval of Minutes from the October 21, 2021 Cool Cities Committee meeting – JH motioned to approve; TK seconded; motion passed unanimously

4. Citizens wishing to address the Board – Linda Brubaker described the Chapman Street project that is projected to take six months: sewer and sidewalk replacement, roadwork, and straightening creek.

5. Announcements – RT mentioned the data shared by BYOB about timed observations of single-use plastic bag use at Dierberg's. ^{Observational} Anecdotal evidence found that the average use went from 4 to .5 bags per person. RT mentioned a future campaign may investigate the viability of charging residents trash removal by weight or volume as a means of encouraging recycling. *Goshen Educational Consultants presented results to the City Council.*

6. Old / Continuing Business

A. Supporting a Dark Sky Ordinance – RT stated that Pittsburgh, PA and Wentzville, MO have Dark Sky Ordinances. The biggest light pollution in Edwardsville comes from the big box stores. JH suggested that we recommend drafting an ordinance that requires new construction to comply with targeted lighting that conforms to Dark Sky Ordinance and for existing businesses to change during upgrades.

7. New Business

A. Review of Sustainability Plan to choose new City/Committee initiatives for 2022 – **Action Item: each board member review the City of Edwardsville Sustainability Plan 2021 and choose a cause to champion.** This will help us shape our focus for 2022. Ideas discussed include: Dark Sky Ordinance, updating our webpage to keep more current with

announcements, curating a section at the public library, forming partnerships with youth groups (like the EHS Environmental Club) and others to collaborate on such initiatives as recycling, maintaining gardens, etc.).

Regarding recycling, big picture solutions were explored beyond the scope of the committee, including lobbying the state to require deposits for cans and bottles, and also putting the responsibility on the industries who produce and distribute materials to pay for the cost at the end of these materials' use. Organizations to research include the Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) in Springfield and the Sierra Club. There are lobby days in Springfield.

B. Ideas for improving recycling at public events (with Republic Services – Cara Lytle was not present to report. A brief discussion took place about labeling and color-coding receptacles at events to make it very clear which was for recycling and which was for waste.

8. Adjournment – JH motioned to adjourn at approximately 7:20pm. TK seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Next Cool Cities Committee Meeting: December 16 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 118 Hillsboro Avenue

Rachel V. Tompkins