

**CITY OF FRANKLIN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
December 8, 2021**

Approved  
January 12, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

- I. Chairman Linda Horn called the December 8, 2021 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

On roll call, the following were in attendance: Chair Linda Horn, Vice Chair Jamie Groark, Commissioners Patricia Pomahac, James Cieslak, Sudarshan Sharma and Alderman Dan Mayer. Also present was Associate Planner Marion Ecks.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:01 p.m.. No citizens present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2021.

**III.**

- A. Commissioner Sharma moved and Commissioner Cieslak seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 3, 2021. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Environmental Commission involvement in the City of Franklin's National Night Out program Monday, August 2, 2021. Status of funding for garden giveaway.

**IV.**

- A. Alderman Mayer reported a consensus by the Common Council at their November 16, 2021 meeting to approve funding for the Environmental commission thru the Public Works Department. Discussion only. No action taken.

Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

- B. Commissioner Pomahac has contacted Patrick Gain, Franklin High School Environmental Instructor, with dates for submission of articles for the City of Franklin newsletter for 2022. Discussion only. No action taken.

Update on Buckthorn Subcommittee activity and/or proposals.

- C. Vice Chair Groark handed out an article, "Motivating Residents to Combat Invasive Species on Private Lands: Social Norms and Community Reciprocity." The article serves as a resource for survey questions. Survey should include a question inquiring: "Do you think the City should impose stricter regulations on buckthorn." The Buckthorn subcommittee will draft questions for the survey to be included in the City of Franklin newsletter, deadline January 14, 2022, delivery date, February 18-19, 2022. Discussion only. No action taken.

City of Franklin street tree list update-recommendation to Common Council.

- D. Discussion only. No action taken.

Environmental Commission participation in City of Franklin Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Task Force, to provide

- E. Discussion only. No action taken.

assistance in revisions to the Natural Resource Protection Standards and other elements of the City of Franklin UDO.

City water supply testing overview-continuation.

F. No update per Planner Ecks.

Landfill life expectancy and future plans.

G. No update per Planner Ecks.

Review of new Code of Conduct for all elected and appointed officials.

H. Commissioners have reviewed, signed and turned in appropriate paperwork for the new Code of Conduct.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

V.

Request by City of Franklin Library Director Jennifer Loeffel for Environmental Commission Partnership in the Holiday LED Christmas Light Recycling Program of the Franklin Library.

A. Vice Chair Groark moved and commissioner Cieslak seconded a motion that Chairman Horn and Commissioner Pomahac will team up with the City of Franklin Library to convey LED Christmas lights to facility in Sussex for recycling. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Native habitat restoration project (City-wide) in the City of Franklin.

B. Commissioner Cieslak will update at March 2022 meeting. Arbor Day and Nite Out events will be utilized to encourage/promote this project. Discussion only. No action taken.

Funding for Environmental Commission activities.

C. Drafting a budget for future expenses for the Environmental commission should be completed by April 2022 as the City begins the budget process in June 2022. Discussion only. No action taken.

### **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

VI.

A. Commissioner Pomahac moved and Vice Chair Groark seconded a motion that due to an upcoming NRSE the middle of January 2022, the January 26 meeting will be rescheduled to January 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

### **DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

VII.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources programs or other organizations for presentation at the City of Franklin Library or a room at City Hall-dates/schedule [this item/event is in process due to COVID-19 related restrictions] [tentative date: April, 2022].

A. Planner Ecks is checking with the Water Management Program of the DNR for a future presentation.

Funding for Environmental Commission activities.

B. Discussed under New Business, V.C..

Request by Franklin resident Jeremy Stimpson to consider participation in regional Solar Group Buy program.

**C.** Further investigation is needed. Discussion only. No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Notice is given that upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information, please contact the Franklin City Clerk's office at (414) 425-7500.

**VIII.** Vice Chair Groark moved and Commissioner Sharma seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on December 8, 2021 at 8:05 pm. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).