

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING  
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN  
JULY 8, 2021**

**Members Present:** Angela Churchill, Tom Galante, Heather Goudreau, Lee Haggas, Laura Miller Hill, Suzi Myers, Loren Nagy, Pam Otto, Callie Ramirez, Michael Stroud.

**Members Absent:** Kathy Brens, Elli Chivari, Ryan Johnson, Daniella Taylor.

**Others Present:** Marcelline D'Argento, Ryan Myers.

**Visitors Present:** None.

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was convened by Chair. Nagy at 7:03 p.m.

**2. Introduction of Visitors, Comments and Concerns**

None.

**3. Minutes Review and Approval**

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the June 10, 2021, Natural Resources Commission [NRC] meeting. Motion by Comm. Galante, second by Comm. Miller Hill to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:04 p.m.

**4. Old Business**

None.

**5. New Business**

None.

**6. Committee Reports**

**A. Education Committee**

Comm. Myers noted there is an upcoming virtual event regarding the 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region which will be held on July 13th. If possible, Comm. Myers encouraged all members of the NRC to attend. A copy of the event information is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**B. Langum Woods Clean-Up Committee**

None.

**C. Community Sustainability Committee**

Comm. Goudreau reported a presentation for the community regarding dark skies will be held at the Clarke Environmental location in St. Charles in late August or September 2021.

**D. Single-Use Bag Committee**

Chair. Nagy reported coordination on this issue continues between St. Charles and Batavia, although participation by the city of Geneva is uncertain. There is a new sponsor for the proposed bill in the Illinois General Assembly, but the bill is inactive at this time.

**E. Greenest Region Compact Committee**

Comm. Myers asked the Commissioners review the summary of items identified by the GRC Committee and select something of interest to be discussed at the August NRC meeting. Comm. Myers noted participation in Cool Communities is listed on the summary, and requested that information be obtained on how to participate if anyone is interested in this item. Additionally, the Commissioners discussed connecting bike paths and pedestrian safety with regard to the Mobility section, and how many GRC items the NRC should focus on at this time.

**F. Urban Forestry Management Plan**

Chair. Nagy stated the Urban Forestry Management Plan [UFMP] was developed for city-owned trees, but can also be an advisory resource for residents. Chair. Nagy proposed including tree list for residents with recommended species for planting, species to plant with caution and trees that are not recommended for planting. Comm. Myers noted information for residents on planting locations and methods could also be included in the updated UFMP. Additionally, the Commissioners discussed ways other municipalities review and monitor landscape plans for commercial developments and homeowners' associations; possibly working with local nurseries to distribute tree recommendations mentioned above to shoppers; and additional education for residents regarding proper tree mulching.

**7. Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports**

Motion to approve and place into the public record the Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for the month of June 2021. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Comm. Goudreau to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:41 p.m.

**8. Additional Items**

**A. Commissioners**

None.

**B. City Staff**

None.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Churchill, second by Comm. Goudreau to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:45 p.m.



July 7, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Please join us for the launch of the 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region.



On July 13 at noon, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will launch one of the first regional climate plans in the United States. This plan is the result of nearly two years of work involving 175 organizations, 270 stakeholders, and drawn from more than 50 local and international sustainability and climate plans. We are pleased that momentum is growing for urgent climate action and that over 500 people in the nation (and a few international attendees) have registered for the launch event. For those who haven't registered and plan to attend, please do so at <https://www.metroplanning.org/events/virtual/detail/578>.

The climate action plan calls all municipal leaders to action. It was developed with support from the European Union and is aligned with the Global Covenant of Mayors and the Greenest Region Compact. The plan distills climate science, a regional greenhouse inventory, and a regional climate risk and vulnerability assessment into sensible and critical strategies to guide effective municipal action to both mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to impacts of our changing climate. Municipalities have the unique ability to **lead** in making impactful changes in their own operations; to **encourage** others to take effective climate action; and to **enact** policies that will reduce greenhouse emissions and build resilient communities.



This is the decisive decade for climate action. Climate change threatens every aspect of our well-being – from our public health, infrastructure and natural resources, to our agriculture, transportation, and economy – and the impacts of a changing climate are experienced by all communities. No single community can solve these issues on its own, and not all communities face the same level of challenge. Action to mitigate the root causes of climate change through emissions reductions and to adapt to the effects of climate change must be taken at both a scale and a speed that can only be accomplished through local, regional, and international collaboration.

Please join us for the virtual launch of this timely Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region to learn about the critical municipal role.

**Date:** Tuesday, July 13

**Time:** Noon to 1:30 p.m. CT

**Registration:** Registration is free but required. The event is open to the public, so please feel free to share the details with your network.

<https://www.metroplanning.org/events/virtual/detail/578>

**Event host:** The virtual event is generously hosted by the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC).

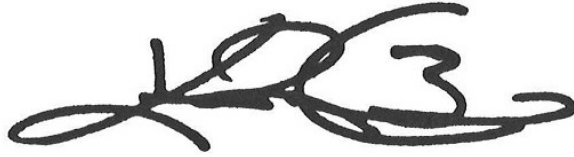
**Speakers:**

- Eero Ailio, Advisor Energy Transition and Local Governance, European Commission
- MarySue Barrett, President, MPC
- Kevin Burns, Mayor, City of Geneva, Illinois, and Chairman, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Environment Committee and Energy Subcommittee
- Sean Casten, U.S. Congressman, 6th Congressional District
- Maya Dutta, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Waukegan
- Bill Foster, U.S. Congressman, 11th Congressional District
- Ned Gardiner, Engagement Manager, U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit, NOAA Climate Program Office (Contractor), CollabraLink Technologies
- Don Graves, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Lori Lightfoot, Mayor, City of Chicago
- Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
- Alex Minnella, Senior Planner, City of Aurora
- Dr. Richard Spinrad, Administrator, NOAA
- Kim Stone, Councilwoman, City of Highland Park

Preview the 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region [here](#).

Thank you to the many organizations and individuals that contributed to the creation of this essential plan. We invite all municipal leaders to join us in realizing the goals and objectives of the plan – thriving, cohesive and resilient communities.

Thank you,



Kevin Burns  
Mayor, City of Geneva  
Environment Committee and Energy Subcommittee Chairman  
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**GRC Goals:**

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, develop resiliency to climate change impacts, engage the community in climate change mitigation and adaptation

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