

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING  
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN  
NOVEMBER 11, 2021**

**Members Present:** Kathy Brens, Angela Churchill, Tom Galante, Heather Goudreau, Lee Haggas, Morrighan Hayes, Laura Miller Hill, Suzi Myers, Callie Ramirez, Deetya Solanki.

**Members Absent:** Ryan Johnson, Loren Nagy, Pam Otto, Daniella Taylor.

**Others Present:** Marcelline D'Argento, AJ Reineking.

**Visitors Present:** None.

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

In the absence of Chair. Nagy, the meeting was convened by Acting Chair. Churchill at 7:01 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 October 14, 2021, Natural Resources Commission [NRC] meeting. Motion by Comm. Brens, second by Comm. Haggas to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:02 p.m.

**4. Old Business**

None.

**5. New Business**

**A. Arbor Day 2022**

Ms. D'Argento informed the NRC the St. Charles Park District requested the facilities reservation for the 2022 Arbor Day event. The Commissioners discussed possible locations and dates, and decided to reserve Pottawatomie Park on either Friday, April 29 or Saturday, April 30, 2022. This information will be communicated to the Park District.

Comm. Goudreau suggested coordinating with the Park District to have their annual native plant sale at the Arbor Day event.

Comm. Stroud suggested distributing seed bombs at the Arbor Day event.

**6. Committee Reports**

**A. Education Committee**

Comm. Myers summarized the Commission's educational role for the new NRC members, which includes writing articles for the monthly city newsletter, The Den. The NRC has received positive comments on the articles that have been published. Comm. Myers circulated a sign-up sheet for 2022 and encouraged all members of the NRC to participate in writing articles.

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

In the absence of Comms. Johnson and Otto, Comm. Myers updated the NRC regarding the Salvation Army's plans for weekly visits to Langum Park with their after school program participants.

**C. Community Sustainability Committee**

Comm. Goudreau provided a recap of the pumpkin recycling event on November 6th, and presented a video of the volunteers, residents and pumpkins from the event.

Comm. Miller Hill confirmed she will be present for the cooking oil collection event on November 27th at Public Works.

**D. Single-Use Bag Committee**

None.

**E. Greenest Region Compact Committee**

None.

**F. Urban Forestry Management Plan**

None.

**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 October 2021. Motion by Comm. Galante, second by Comm. Brens to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:21 p.m.

**8. Additional Items**

**A. Commissioners**

Comm. Brens reported she received a request from the St. Charles Rotary Club to have member(s) of the NRC speak at one of their meetings.

Comm. Churchill reported the city received a request from a student at St. Charles North High School regarding littering and the city's response to this issue. City staff invited the student to attend the NRC meeting, but she was not available. The Commissioners noted Fox River clean-up events, articles in The Den and the goal of reducing single-use bags are some of the ways the NRC is working to mitigate litter. City staff will provide this information to the student and invite her to the December NRC meeting.

Comm. Miller Hill complimented the native plant signs installed as part of the city's 7th Avenue Creek project, and suggested selling signs to residents with native plants in their gardens as a way to promote the benefits of native plants. Mr. Reineking explained the city's consultant on the 7th Avenue Creek project installed the signage, and the city has also installed similar signs around city-owned naturalized areas. Mr. Reineking stated the city could likely work with one of its vendors on artwork if the NRC wanted to pursue the signs.

**B. City Staff**

None.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Brens, second by Comm. Miller Hill to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:40 p.m.