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## AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Agenda Item Number: 3.B**

**Title:**

Natural Resources Commission Minutes – Information Only

**Presenter:**

AJ Reineking, Public Works Manager

**Meeting:** Government Services Committee

**Date:** April 26, 2021

Proposed Cost: N/A

Budgeted Amount:

Not Budgeted:

**Executive Summary** *(if not budgeted please explain):*

A duty of the Natural Resources Commission is to advise and consult with the Government Services Committee. The March 11, 2021 Natural Resources Commission meeting minutes are attached.

**Attachments** *(please list):*

\* Natural Resources Commission Minutes – March 2021 meeting minutes.

**Recommendation/Suggested Action** *(briefly explain):*

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

**Members Present:** Angela Churchill, Tom Galante, Loren Nagy, Suzi Myers, Pam Otto, Daniella Taylor.  
Present via WebEx: Heather Goudreau, Ryan Johnson.

**Members Absent:** Kathy Brens, Lee Haggas, Bryan Wirball.

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

**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 February 11, 2021 Natural Resources Commission [NRC] meeting. Motion by Comm. Churchill, second by Comm. Otto to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:05 p.m.

**4. Old Business**

**A. Greenest Region Compact II**

Comm. Myers suggested the NRC focus on specific sections in the Greenest Region Compact [GRC] prior to [potentially] working with a member of the Greenest Region Corps [GRCorps] as discussed at the February NRC meeting. The Commissioners agreed to focus on the Land section of the GRC document, and will discuss items already accomplished and next steps at the April NRC meeting.

**B. Arbor Day**

Mr. Reineking reported St. Charles School District 303 approved a tree planting event for Arbor Day at St. Charles East High School. A Bald Cypress tree will be planted on high school grounds at a location to be determined. Public Works will coordinate additional details with the high school principal. Ms. D'Argento circulated a proposed announcement for the Arbor Day event. Student Comm. Taylor stated she would post the announcement for the Eco Minded Club and other clubs at the high school when it is finalized.

Comm. Myers suggested the annual Stewardship Award be presented to former NRC Chairman, Ralph Grathoff for his past work with the Tree Commission and service as the Chairman of the NRC. Motion to present former Chair. Grathoff with the 2021 Stewardship Award. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Chair. Nagy to award former Chair. Grathoff. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:17 p.m.

**C. Earth Day Clean-Up**

Comm. Otto confirmed the parks clean-up will be held on Earth Day, April 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Student Comm. Taylor stated approximately 25 high school volunteers are expected to participate.

**5. New Business**

None.

**6. Committee Reports**

**A. Education Committee**

None.

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

Comm. Otto reported sites at Langum Woods and Park will be included in the Earth Day clean-up.

**B. New Committee**

Comm. Goudreau proposed having the NRC and Public Works continue the holiday lights recycling program as the former sponsor, America in Bloom St. Charles has been discontinued. Comm. Goudreau also suggested having more green community events promoted by the NRC.

**C. Single-Use Bag Committee**

Chair. Nagy reported he and Comm. Churchill met with Aldermen David Pietryla and Lora Vitek, and Batavia Alderman Abby Beck to discuss this issue. Additionally, the city's Finance Department is reviewing the potential revenue stream a single-use bag ordinance would generate. Chair. Nagy explained there has been no recent activity on this issue at the state level, and it would be preferable to delay an ordinance proposal until after the city's mayoral and aldermanic elections are over. If an ordinance were passed, implementation would not occur until after pandemic restrictions were lifted.

**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 months of January and February 2021. Motion by Comm. Otto, second by Comm. Galante to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:49 p.m.

**8. Additional Items**

**A. Commissioners**

None.

**B. City Staff**

None.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Galante, second by Comm. Churchill to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:50 p.m.