

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
JUNE 8, 2023**

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was convened by Chair. Nagy at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Commissioners Present: Angela Churchill, Tom Galante, Heather Goudreau, Lee Haggas, Laura Miller Hill, Suzi Myers, Loren Nagy, Meagan Provencher.

Student Member: Jared Park.

Absent: Commissioners: Ryan Johnson, Pam Otto, Michael Stroud.

Student Members: Morrighan Hayes, Callie Ramirez, Deetya Solanki.

City Staff Present: Marcelline D'Argento, AJ Reineking.

Visitors Present: None.

4. Minutes Review and Approval

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the May 11, 2023 Natural Resources Commission [NRC] meeting. Motion by Comm. Churchill, second by Comm. Galante to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:01 p.m.

5. Old Business

A. Open Meetings Act Training

Chair. Nagy and city staff noted Open Meetings Act [OMA] training certifications are still needed for some members of the NRC. Clarification was provided regarding the maximum number of NRC members that can meet while maintaining compliance with the OMA; the maximum number is three.

B. Social Media Memo of Understanding

Chair. Nagy and city staff noted Social Media Memos of Understanding are still needed for some members of the NRC.

6. New Business

A. Consideration for Committee Restructuring

Chair. Nagy proposed restructuring the current NRC Committees. The proposal is as follows:

Standing Committees

- Education & Outreach
 - Social Media
 - Current Education Committee Duties

- Engagement
 - Current Community Sustainability Committee Duties (pumpkin smash, oil recycling, rain barrel sale)
 - Current Langum Woods Committee (this may transition to Education & Outreach after this year once we get the woods cleaned up)
 - Event Planning – Arbor Day, workshops, river clean-up, etc.
- Advisory
 - Current Greenest Region Compact Committee
 - Periodic Reviews of UFMP and Tree & Shrub Ordinance

Ad-Hoc Committees

- Plastic Bag
- UFMP Update

Chair. Nagy asked the Commissioners to consider the committee restructuring as proposed. Further discussion will be continued at the August NRC meeting.

7. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee

Comm. Myers reported turning lights off for world migratory bird day and dark skies awareness is becoming more widely accepted in the community.

B. Langum Woods Clean-Up Committee

None.

C. Community Sustainability Committee

None.

D. Single-Use Bags Committee

Mr. Reineking reported the members of city staff from the Finance and Public Works Departments, and City Administrator will be meeting to discuss next steps.

E. Greenest Region Compact Committee

None.

F. Urban Forestry Management Plan Review Committee

None.

8. Communications – Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports

Motion to approve and place on file the Public Services Division tree activity report for May 2023. Motion by Comm. Churchill, second by Comm. Myers to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:34 p.m.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Additional Items

A. Commissioners

Comm. Goudreau inquired as to the status of the city's contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems. Mr. Reineking stated the contract will go to City Council.

Chair. Nagy reported there will be an informational walk with an arborist in Delnor Woods hosted by Kramer Tree Specialists on June 11th.

B. City Staff

None.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Churchill, second by Comm. Miller Hill to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:44 p.m.

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