

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF ST. CHARLES**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING**  
**RALPH GRATHOFF, CHAIRMAN**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**PUBLIC WORKS, TRAINING ROOM**  
**1405 SOUTH 7TH AVENUE**

**Please practice social distancing OR wear a mask while attending this meeting.**

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Introduction of Visitors, Comments and Concerns**
- 4. Minutes: Review and Approval**
  - A. Motion to accept and place on file minutes of the September 10, 2020 Natural Resources Commission meeting.
- 5. Old Business**
  - A. Greenest Region Compact
- 6. New Business**
  - A. Textile Recycling – Comms. Myers and Nagy
- 7. Committee Reports**
  - A. Education Committee
  - B. Langum Woods Clean-Up Committee
  - C. New Committee [Name to be Determined]
  - D. Single-Use Bag Committee
- 8. Communications**
  - A. Motion to accept and place on file Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for September 2020.
- 9. Additional Items**
  - A. Commissioners
  - B. City Staff
  - C. Visitors
- 10. Adjournment**

**Next meeting – November 12, 2020**

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING  
RALPH GRATHOFF, CHAIRMAN  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

**Members Present:** Tom Galante, Heather Goudreau, Ralph Grathoff, Lee Haggas, Suzi Myers, Pam Otto, Loren Nagy. Present via WebEx: Angela Churchill, Ryan Johnson, Bryan Wirball.

**Members Absent:** Kathy Brens

**Others Present:** Chris Adesso, Marcelline D'Argento

**Visitors Present:** Jack Jordan, Anastasia Smith-Becker

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

The meeting was convened by Chair. Grathoff at 7:04 p.m.

**2. Minutes Review and Approval**

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the August 13, 2020 Natural Resources Commission [NRC] meeting. Motion by Comm. Galante, second by Comm. Myers to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:05 p.m.

**3. Old Business**

**A. Greenest Region Compact II**

Jack Jordan, Public Works intern, introduced the topic of the Greenest Region Corps [GRCorps] and provided a fact sheet to the NRC and city staff. The GRCorps are comprised of college graduates beginning their careers in sustainability, and who work with Greenest Region Compact [GRC] communities to address the goals of the GRC. There are eight Chicago-area municipalities currently hosting members of the GRCorps, and Mr. Jordan proposed having the city of St. Charles host a member of the GRCorps. The NRC and city staff discussed possible positive and negative aspects of becoming a host community. Chair. Grathoff asked Mr. Jordan to arrange for a member of the GRCorps to attend a meeting and speak to the NRC. Mr. Jordan will follow-up on this request.

**4. New Business**

**A. Potential New Student Commissioner**

Anastasia Smith-Becker introduced herself to all present and expressed her interest in joining the NRC as Student Commissioner. Ms. Smith-Becker is a senior at St. Charles North High School and is the president of Science National Honors Society. She will review her schedule and follow-up with the NRC as to her ability to commit to serving as a Student Commissioner.

**B. Park District and River Corridor Foundation Clean-Up**

Comm. Otto informed the NRC of an upcoming Fox River clean-up project on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. starting at Ferson Creek Park. Volunteers are needed.

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. Education Committee**

None.

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

None.

**C. New Committee**

The NRC-sponsored pumpkin collection is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Public Works.

**D. Single-Use Bag Committee**

Comm. Nagy reported the Committee is organizing support with the intention of going forward with a proposal to City Council.

**6. 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 August 2020. Motion by Comm. Nagy, second by Comm. Haggas to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:47 p.m.

**7. Additional Items**

**A. Commissioners**

Comm. Wirball reported he contacted School District 303 on behalf of the NRC regarding the openings for Student Commissioners. The District emailed teachers in the Science Departments with this information.

**B. City Staff**

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**8. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Otto, second by Comm. Goudreau to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:51 p.m.