

**AGENDA
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
PUBLIC WORKS, TRAINING ROOM - 1405 SOUTH 7TH AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Introduction of Visitors, Comments and Concerns**
- 3. Minutes: Review and Approval**
 - A. Motion to accept and place on file minutes of the January 13, 2022 Natural Resources Commission meeting.
- 4. Old Business**
 - A. Arbor Day
 - B. Joint Meeting – Deferred
- 5. New Business**
 - A. Mason State Tree Nursery – Comm. Galante
- 6. Committee Reports**
 - A. Education Committee
 - B. Langum Woods Clean-Up Committee
 - C. Community Sustainability Committee
 - D. Single-Use Bag Committee
 - E. Greenest Region Compact Committee
 - F. Urban Forestry Management Plan Review Committee
- 7. Communications**
 - A. Motion to accept and place on file Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for January 2021.
- 8. Additional Items**
 - A. Commissioners
 - B. City Staff
 - C. Visitors
- 9. Adjournment / Next meeting – March 10, 2022**

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
JANUARY 13, 2022**

Members Present: Tom Galante, Heather Goudreau, Morrighan Hayes, Suzi Myers, Callie Ramirez, Deetya Solanki.

Present Via WebEx: Angela Churchill, Lee Haggas, Laura Miller Hill.

Members Absent: Kathy Brens, Ryan Johnson, Pam Otto, Michael Stroud.

Visitors Present: Rich Anderson, John Rabchuk.

Others Present: Marcelline D'Argento, AJ Reineking.

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was convened by Chair. Nagy at 7:01 p.m.

2. Introduction of Visitors, Comments and Concerns

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Rabchuk were in attendance as members of the River Corridor Foundation [RCF], and introduced themselves to all present.

3. Minutes Review and Approval

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the November 11, 2021, Natural Resources Commission [NRC] meeting. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Comm. Goudreau to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:04 p.m.

4. Old Business

A. Arbor Day

Ms. D'Argento reported Pottawatomie Park is reserved with the St. Charles Park District for both Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, 2022 for the Arbor Day celebration pending the NRC's decision on the date of the event. The Commissioners discussed the proposed dates, and decided to have the Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 30, 2022 in combination with a clean-up project. The clean-up will be scheduled from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, and the Arbor Day event will begin afterwards at 11:30 am. Student Comms. Hayes, Ramirez and Solanki discussed promoting the clean-up event as a service project for high school students in connection with Arbor Day. Additionally, the NRC discussed involving the community in the clean-up event and celebration, recognizing the clean-up participants during the Arbor Day celebration, and having a vendor-donated gift card raffle. City staff will obtain the permit from the Park District for April 30th. Additional details will be discussed at upcoming NRC meetings.

B. Joint Meeting

Deferred.

C. Additional

Student Comm. Ramirez reported she had previously contacted one of the drivers' education teachers at St. Charles East High School regarding "no idling" signage. However, she did not receive a response. The Commissioners thanked Comm. Ramirez for her efforts.

5. New Business

None.

6. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee

Comm. Myers summarized upcoming NRC articles for The Den.

B. Langum Woods Clean-Up Committee

None.

C. Community Sustainability Committee

Comm. Goudreau reported on the success of the holiday lights recycling program, and thanked all those involved for coordinating the program and collecting lights, especially Comm. Brens.

D. Single-Use Bag Committee

Chair. Nagy reported he and Comm. Churchill recently met with Batavia aldermen and members of the Batavia Environmental Commission to discuss progress on the issue of single-use bags. The group will meet again the week of January 17th to plan for presentations to the Batavia and St. Charles City Councils.

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 months of November and December 2021. Motion by Comm. Galante, second by Comm. Myers to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:28 p.m.

8. Additional Items

A. Commissioners

Comm. Goudreau reiterated her thanks to the NRC and city staff for the successful holiday lights recycling program. Comm. Goudreau also recognized work by St. Charles Electric Division crews to quickly restore power after a recent outage.

B. Visitors

Mr. Rabchuk and Mr. Anderson discussed a RCF project with the St. Charles Park District and the City on the east bank of the Fox River north of the entrance to Public Works. The project includes planting five new trees, installing five new benches, a bicycle repair station, and a limestone step down and launch area for fishing, kayak and canoe access to the river. Future improves may include a rain garden and the installation of public art.

C. City Staff

None.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Goudreau, second by Comm. Galante to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:35 p.m.

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
2022 ARBOR DAY CHECKLIST**

ITEM	YES OR NO	ASSIGNED TO	STATUS
Presentation of colors			
Contact local Scout troop			
Perennials provided by Midwest Groundcovers			
prior contact was Chris Darbo			
cdarbo@midwestgroundcovers.com			
Clean-Up event			
Coordinate and promote sign-ups with community and high schools			
Music			
prior contact was Rick Weals			
rdweals@comcast.net			
Stewardship award			
Nominations			
Raffle			
Obtain vendor gift card(s) / other			
Tree planting at school			
Select school			
Guest Speaker(s)			

TREE REPORT TOTALS JANUARY 2022
TRIMMING PUBLIC SERVICES - 32
TRIMMING CONTRACTOR - 0
REMOVALS PUBLIC SERVICES - 1
REMOVALS CONTRACTOR - 6
EMERGENCY REMOVALS - 0

COUNT	WORK	CREW		ADDRESS	SIDE	SITE	QUAD	COMPLETED
1	Removal	In-House Removal	1617	Jeanette Ave	Front	1	SE	1/31/2022
1	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	1901	W. Main St.	Side	3	SW	1/21/2022
2	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	3100	Turnberry Rd	Side	2	NE	1/19/2022
3	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	3100	Turnberry Rd	Side	3	NE	1/19/2022
4	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	3100	Turnberry Rd	Front	2	NE	1/19/2022
5	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	3100	Turnberry Rd	Side	4	NE	1/19/2022
6	Removal	DeMar Removal Crew	3100	Turnberry Rd	Side	1	NE	1/19/2022
1	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	711	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
2	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	925	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
3	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	816	8th St /S	Front	2	SW	1/14/2022
4	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	804	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
5	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	925	8th St /S	Front	2	SW	1/14/2022
6	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	754	Cutler St	Side	1	SW	1/14/2022
7	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	804	8th St /S	Front	3	SW	1/14/2022
8	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	609	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
9	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	804	8th St /S	Front	2	SW	1/14/2022
10	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	931	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
11	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	937	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
12	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	937	8th St /S	Front	2	SW	1/14/2022
13	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	916	8th St /S	Front	2	SW	1/14/2022
14	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	912	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
15	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	908	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
16	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	904	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
17	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	725	Mosedale St	Side	1	SW	1/14/2022
18	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	754	Cutler St	Side	2	SW	1/14/2022
19	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	919	8th St /S	Front	2	SW	1/14/2022
20	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	806	Kehoe Dr.	Side	3	SW	1/14/2022
21	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	901	8th St /S	Front	2	SW	1/14/2022
22	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	726	Mosedale St	Side	2	SW	1/14/2022
23	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	816	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
24	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	711	8th St /S	Front	2	SW	1/14/2022
25	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	907	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
26	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	913	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
27	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	919	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
28	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	803	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
29	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	725	Mosedale St	Side	2	SW	1/14/2022
30	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	600	8th St /S	Front	2	SW	1/14/2022
31	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	600	8th St /S	Front	1	SW	1/14/2022
32	Zone Trimming SW	In-House Trimming	726	Mosedale St	Side	1	SW	1/14/2022

**CITY OF ST CHARLES - PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION
TREE MAINTENANCE REPORT**

SUMMARY FY 2021/2022	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	TOTAL
Trimming - Public Services	18	48	49	22	9	112	486	246	32				1,022
Trimming - Contractor	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0				2
Removal - Public Services	22	30	40	57	39	30	2	6	1				227
Removal - Contractor	0	3	2	0	0	2	3	0	6				16
Emergency Removal - Public Services	0	1	5	14	1	1	0	0	0				22
Emergency Removal - Contractor	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0				2
Plantings - Public Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Plantings - Contractor	207	0	0	0	0	125	0	0	0				332

COMMENTS: