

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE, CONFERENCE ROOM B/C
1405 SOUTH 7TH AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call:** Brens, Diorio, Galante, Goudreau, Grathoff, Haggas, Johnson, Leturno, Myers, Nagy, Norman, Otto, Wilfong
- 3. Introduction of Visitors, Comments and Concerns**
- 4. Minutes: Review and Approval**
 - A. Motion to accept and place on file minutes of the October 10, 2019 Natural Resources Commission meeting.
- 5. Old Business**
 - A. Storm Drain Markers
 - B. Greenest Region Compact Tool
 - C. Volunteer Waivers – AJ Reineking
- 6. New Business**
 - A. Potential New Commissioner
 - B. Curbside Food Scrap Composting – Comm. Goudreau
- 7. Committee Reports**
 - A. Education Committee
 - B. Langum Park Clean-Up Committee
 - C. New Committee [Name to be Determined]
- 8. Communications**
 - A. Motion to accept and place on file Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for October 2019
- 9. Additional Items**
 - A. Commissioners
 - i. Acknowledgment of Service Comm. Duerr – Chair. Grathoff
 - B. City Staff
 - C. Visitors
- 10. Adjournment**

Next meeting – December 12, 2019

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
RALPH GRATHOFF, CHAIRMAN
OCTOBER 10, 2019**

Members Present: Kathy Brens, Tom Galante, Heather Goudreau, Lee Haggas, Ryan Johnson, Suzi Myers, Pam Otto

Members Absent: Chair. Grathoff, Jillian Leturno, Loren Nagy, Claire Norman, Caroline Wilfong

Others Present: Chris Adesso, Marcelline D'Argento, AJ Reineking

Visitors Present: Andrew Diorio, William Koehl

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

In the absence of Chair. Grathoff, Comm. Otto served as Chairperson and convened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

2. Introduction of Visitors, Comments and Concerns

William Koehl re-introduced himself as a representative of the environmental team of the Central Kane County League of Women Voters [LWV].

Andrew Diorio, a senior high school student St. Charles East High School, introduced himself to all present.

3. Minutes Review and Approval

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the September 12, 2019 Natural Resources Commission [NRC] meeting. Motion by Comm. Galante, second by Comm. Brens to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:05 p.m.

4. Old Business

A. Storm Drain Markers

Mr. Reineking provided a follow-up report from the September NRC meeting regarding newly installed storm drains without the casting “drains to river.” Mr. Reineking explained that concrete from the construction project is covering some of the castings, but will wear off in a short period of time. Mr. Reineking noted that there is one type of storm drain in inventory without casting that is used for special flat curb installations, but it is rarely used.

Additionally, Comm. Otto reported during the America In Bloom [AIB] Symposium [October 3 to October 5] there was a slide show at the awards dinner that included a photo of one of the storm drain medallions the NRC installed. Comm. Otto noted the medallions were noticed and appreciated by members of AIB.

B. Greenest Region Compact II

Mr. Adesso reported that Chair. Grathoff had attended the International Day of Peace Celebration on September 21, 2019 in Geneva. At the event Chair. Grathoff and representatives from Geneva and Batavia participated in a green initiatives panel discussion.

Mr. Koehl noted the Greenest Region Compact II [GRC] was discussed at the event. Mr. Adesso stated the City Council had approved the resolution for St. Charles to join the Compact, and that the NRC would be called upon to provide guidance and recommendations to the city.

Comm. Otto stated the NRC's first steps will be to review the GRC to determine what the NRC and city have already accomplished before any recommendations are made.

5. New Business

A. Potential New High School Student Member

St. Charles East High School senior Andrew Diorio introduced himself to all present and expressed his interest in joining the NRC. Mr. Diorio described his plans to attend law school in the future combined with environmental policy. Motion to nominate Mr. Diorio as a Student Member of the Commission. Motion by Comm. Brens, second by Comm. Galante to nominate Mr. Diorio. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:15 p.m. Acting Chair. Otto welcomed Mr. Diorio to the Commission.

6. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee

Comm. Myers reviewed the NRC's upcoming articles for *The Den*. Mr. Adesso reported he had received positive feedback on the NRC's articles.

B. Langum Woods Clean-Up Committee

Comm. Otto asked if the city required volunteers to sign waivers. City staff will report back on this inquiry at the November NRC meeting.

C. New Committee

Comm. Goudreau distributed flyers for the Pumpkin Smash recycling event on November 2nd and requested volunteers. Comm. Otto noted pumpkins from the Park District's pumpkin bowling event would be brought for recycling.

7. Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports September 2019

Motion to approve and place into the public record the Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for the month of September 2019. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Comm. Goudreau. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:29 p.m.

8. Additional Items

A. Commissioners

Due to Chair. Grathoff's absence, Comm. Duerr will be acknowledged at the November NRC meeting.

Comm. Myers reported she had attended a de-icing workshop hosted by the Kane County Division of Environmental and Water Resources and the Conservation Foundation. The event addressed chloride pollution and salt usage by municipalities and snow removal services. A 70% reduction in salt usage was recommended. Comm. Myers stated water softeners and spreading salt on sidewalks and driveways contribute to the type of salt usage discussed at the event. Comm. Myers described salt cups being used in Wisconsin that are distributed or included with bags of salt to help reduce the amount of salt used; one small cup is sufficient to cover ten sidewalk squares. Additionally, the Commissioners and city staff discussed how public perception and expectations influence the reduction in salt usage. The Commissioners and city staff agreed educating residents on salt usage and reduction would be helpful.

Comm. Brens reported while substitute teaching she continued to observe garbage placed in recycling bins at the high schools [as previously discussed at the September 2019 NRC meeting]. Perhaps the NRC Student Members could discuss this problem with the school administration. Comm. Otto stated the Park District is considering going back to recycling bottles and cans only, which may reduce recycling contamination. Paper will continue to be

recycled in Park District offices. Mr. Koehl added that recycling contamination has become problematic in developing countries that process materials for recycling received from other countries. Gang activity related to salvaging items of value for profit has increased, and because there is so much contamination, the rest is often burned.

B. City Staff

None.

C. Visitors

See comments above.

D. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Nagy, second by Comm. Otto. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:47 p.m.

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

Summary FY 2019/2020

SUMMARY FY 2019/2020	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	TOTAL
Trimming - Public Services	21	50	66	29	42	19							227
Trimming - Contractor	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Removal - Public Services	15	34	24	29	22	11							135
Removal - Contractor	0	0	1	3	0	1							5
Emergency Removal - Public Services	0	0	1	0	2	1							4
Emergency Removal - Contractor	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Plantings - Public Services	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Plantings - Contractor	119	0	0	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	119

COMMENTS: *Fall Planting 2019 will be reported with November data.

TREE REPORT TOTALS OCTOBER 2019
TRIMMING PUBLIC SERVICES - 19
TRIMMING CONTRACTOR - 0
REMOVALS PUBLIC SERVICES - 11
REMOVALS CONTRACTOR - 1

WORK	CREW	QUAD	ADDRESS		SIDE	SITE	COMPLETED	COUNT
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	NE	202	Chasse Cir	Front	1	2019-10-23	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	NE	507	Wing Ln	Front	1	2019-10-23	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	NE	507	Wing Ln	Front	2	2019-10-23	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	NE	507	Wing Ln	Front	3	2019-10-23	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	NE	1605	Fox Chase Blvd	Front	1	2019-10-23	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	NE	1605	Fox Chase Blvd	Front	2	2019-10-23	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	NE	1605	Fox Chase Blvd	Front	3	2019-10-23	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	NE	1802	Bridle Ct	Front	1	2019-10-07	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	SE	312	10th Ave /S	Front	1	2019-10-23	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	SE	317	4th Ave /S	Front	1	2019-10-16	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	SE	317	4th Ave /S	Front	2	2019-10-16	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	SE	715	6th Ave /S	Front	1	2019-10-16	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	SE	715	6th Ave /S	Front	2	2019-10-16	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	SE	1211	Pomeroy Ct	Front	1	2019-10-08	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	SE	1217	Pomeroy Ct	Front	1	2019-10-05	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	SE	1549	Patricia Ln	Front	1	2019-10-09	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	SE	1632	7th Ave /S	Side	1	2019-10-08	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	SW	70	Gray St	Front	1	2019-10-23	1
Call - Trimming Request	In-House Trimming	SW	1023	Ash St	Front	1	2019-10-07	1
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WORK	CREW	QUAD	ADDRESS		SIDE	SITE	COMPLETED	COUNT
Cut & Pull Tree In-House	In-House Removal	NW	4030	Meadow Dr	Front	1	2019-10-15	1
Cut & Pull Tree In-House	In-House Removal	SW	1816	Prairie St	Front	2	2019-10-01	1
Removal	In-House Removal	NE	3002	Royal Queens Ct	Front	1	2019-10-01	1
Removal	In-House Removal	SE	1001	Jackson Ave	Front	2	2019-10-29	1
Removal	In-House Removal	SE	1721	Jeanette Ave	Front	1	2019-10-07	1
Removal	In-House Removal	SW	1125	Oak St	Front	1	2019-10-07	1
Removal	In-House Removal	SW	1125	Oak St	Side	1	2019-10-07	1
Removal	In-House Removal	SW	1125	Oak St	Side	2	2019-10-07	1
Removal	In-House Removal	SW	1125	Oak St	Side	3	2019-10-07	1
Removal	In-House Removal	SW	1125	Oak St	Side	4	2019-10-07	1
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Removal Emergency	In-House Removal	NE	1909	Bridle Ct	Front	1	2019-10-29	1
Removal	Trees R Us	NE	315	North Ave	Front	1	2019-10-07	1