

Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition (ECCC) Meeting Agenda April 3, 2018

Observer: Nick Perrone

Introductions

- Meeting started at around 7 PM
- Lisa Gerhold-Dirks Chair of Cool Cities
- Heidi Hartmann Loffredo - Citizen's Climate Lobby – Elmhurst Chapter
- Bob Bacon- Sierra Club and Cool Cities
- Phyllis Butt- City Centre and Community Bank of Elmhurst
- Dan Payne- Elmhurst Park District
- Henke Stefanik – Elmhurst Garden Club
- Mary Getty – Elmhurst Garden Club
- Barbra Lonergan- Cool Cities
- Gael Ronnau- Cool Cities

- **Announcements**
- **ECCC 2018/19 meeting dates**
- **Elmhurst Public Library events**
- **NEW- DuPage Clean Energy Coalition**
 - Gael gave a recap for the DuPage Clean Energy Coalition
 - The group is in “forming stages”
 - Primarily focused on clean energy
 - Next meeting is April 30th at Glen Ellyn Police Department

- **NEW- Citizen's Climate Lobby Elmhurst Chapter**
 - Heidi is a part of this group and helped start the chapter for the City of Elmhurst
 - CCL's main mission is to advocate for putting fees on carbon and greenhouse gas emissions, and also does local awareness and advocacy
 - Next meeting is April 14th at 11:30 AM
 - Each meeting includes a prominent speaker that is knowledgeable about climate change

- Pesticide update

- No updates given at this time
- **H2O Elmhurst: what are our water quality concerns?**
 - Water quality program is planned with Elmhurst LWV on April 26th. Presenter is interested in hearing concerns with water quality issues beforehand
 - Pollutants found in water were listed
 - Dennis Streicher is speaker; he used to be waste water director for Elmhurst and is involved with the Salt Creek Work Group
- **D205 Facilities/referendum update**
 - Want to express from CC environmentally friendly building solutions and upgrades
 - There will be an attempt to get the referendum on the November ballot
 - Community Mtgs: 4/30 at Sandburg; 5/12 at York; 5/14 at Churchville; 5/23 at Bryan
- **Waste contract, sustainability plan update**
 - Waiting for an update from City of Elmhurst about program details
 - ECCC will develop a game to teach residents how to sort food scraps properly and will use it at their table at the Green Garden Faire May 12th at First Congregational UCC.
 - Sustainability plan passed through City of Elmhurst
- **Project ideas for fundraising dollars**
 - Settled financial agreement with One Earth Film Festival with an excess of remaining funds
 - Ideas brought up by Lisa on how ECCC can use it to give back to community
 - Time will be spent on next meeting doing a larger brainstorm such as the possibility of a college scholarship at EC when an environmental studies program goes into effect
- **Electricity aggregation**
 - City Council was in talks about aggregation at the last meeting CC attended

- Gael and Rex attended meeting and put in comments about plan
- Lisa expressed need for ECCC to come together to decide what they would bring forth to City Council

- **2018 upcoming programs/events**
 - Climate Change: Facts, Solutions, and What You can do: Climate Reality Project program (co-host with EPL) April 9, 2018
 - H2O Elmhurst: Thurs. April 26th, 7:00 p.m., Elmhurst Public Library. Co-host with LWV. Program focused on Elmhurst water quality and Salt Creek issues.
 - Green Garden Faire: Sat., May 12, 9-noon
 - Eco Car Show: Thurs., May 17, 6-8 p.m. (co-host with EPL)
 - **Tentative:**
 - EC tour: mid-summer would best if in the evening
 - Farm tour: mid-summer/early fall
 - Beekeeping: late fall (Co-host with EGC)

- Upcoming ECCC Meeting dates: May 1, June 5, July 10th (note 2nd Tues.), August 7
- ECCC Steering Committee next meeting April 12

- **Remaining EPL Spring Eco-programming**
 - April 9 – Climate change-Facts, solutions, and what you can do (ECCC co-hosting)
 - April 12 – TED Talks: Why climate change is a threat to human rights and climate change is happening, here's how we adapt
 - April 14 – Spring cleaning craft swap
 - April 25 – common connections film series – A Plastic Ocean
 - May 7 – Rachel Carson – The woman who launched the environmental movement (Leslie Goddard historical portrayal)
 - May 9 – Common connections film series: Wasted! The Story of Food Waste
 - May 10 – TED talks: A Case for Optimism on Climate Change and Let's Prepare for our New Climate
 - May 17 – Eco Car show 6-8 p.m. (ECCC co-hosting)

- **Additional Notes:**

- Bob talked about a green drives conference found in the Daily Harold concerning diesel, electric, and natural gas happening on May 17th for \$75 in Naperville, IL
 - Idea brought up by Barbra to share with school district
 - Bob brought up meeting with State Representative Patricia Bellock on some state-wide activities concerning the environment based on certain bills
 - Information is shown, and requests are made by Sierra Club to oppose or push some bills through
 - Handout was given by Bob detailing the most recent meeting and what bills were discussed
 - Lisa discussed the need to book meeting rooms and the day and time was decided to remain the same
 - Elmhurst Cool Cities is cohosting a climate change event on April 9th with EPL
 - Gael reflected on what happens during this event
 - Events that are upcoming were brought up and spoken in more detail
- Heidi asked about a car show and the turnout that came with it
 - Lisa talked about one draw will be being able to test driving a Tesla and expressed the desire to have car owners be present as well as just the dealers.
 - Heidi also wanted to ask for participation at the York Township Annual meeting on Tues., April 10
 - Expressed desire to put forth an advisory question on the November ballot that would ask: *“Shall our Representatives and Senators in the U.S. Congress sponsor and/or support measures that will address the serious threat posed by climate change?”*
 - Asked for anyone that expresses concerns for climate change to attend the Township meeting to vote in support of the ballot question.
 - Public announcement handed out by Heidi detailing Township meeting information
 - Talk of sharing info with Elmhurst College and the League
 - Wrapped up at 8:40

