

Environmental Committee
November 28, 2022
7:00 p.m. – City Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Introduction
4. New/Business/Old Business
5. Committee Items
 - A. Goal Setting Discussion
6. Next Meeting
7. Adjournment

City of Darien

TO: Environmental Committee Members

FROM: Lisa Klemm, Liaison Environmental Committee

DATE: November 21, 2022

RE: Goal Setting – 2023

Committee members have submitted the following ideas for 2023:

- Work with local groups and organizations to help the environment
- A community garden
- Educate the residents on what is recyclable and what is not
- Look into community events happening with the environment/education/recycling....see where we can help out or be of service
- Discuss the possibility of reporting, by our members, periodically, at the council meeting, when we attend round table meetings at Argonne, what are some of their important projects going on
- Follow up with Director, Public Works (Dan Gombac) regarding the status/progress of “EV Readiness” and update on solar installations in Darien
- Request minimal funding in next budget cycle (discuss dollar amount and where to allocate)
- Discuss working with City’s arborist and Morton Arboretum on native and diverse tree selection for next parkway and 50/50 tree program
- Select a few goals from MMC Greenest Region Compact for 2023
- Discuss idea of a “Green Heart of Darien” Award - work with City/Mayor on nomination process

Minutes
City of Darien
Environmental Committee Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2022

PRESENT: Ryan Grace, Allan Jackimek, Arleta Peknik, Deb Hardtke, Heather Conway, Sylvia McIvor, Robert Erck and Lisa Klemm – City Liaison. Additional guests present: Heather Data, Prairie Airy

ABSENT: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. in City Hall – Council Chambers

NEW BUSINESS

Heather Data from Airy Prairie delivered a power point presentation on how to create landscapes with plants that are indigenous and/or native to the Midwestern US area. The dos and don'ts when creating these landscapes. The biggest step to bring wildlife and conserve resources is to choose to plant native.

Chairperson McIvor briefly discussed topics for next meeting, which included EV charging stations in Darien.

Member Peknik commented about the recycling and how nice it is to see these numbers going up each month.

National Nights Out – Tuesday, August 2nd (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

Community Calendar – up and running. Take a look at it.

Free E-Waste – LRS will be picking up E-Waste for free on day of garbage week of Sept 19th- 23rd
Residents must pre-register on-line or by calling.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING – November 28, 2022 – City Hall Conference Room

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.