Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022
Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough Street
Board Room

I. Call to Order
The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee of the Barrington Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Sinnott at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at Village Hall.

II. Roll Call
Upon roll being called the following answered present: Commissioner Matt Hokanson (CMH), Commissioner Jennifer Lucas (CJL), Commissioner Janet Agnoletti (CJA), Commissioner Susan Lenz (CSL), Commissioner Renee Blue (CRB), Vice Chairperson Daniel Goitein (VCDG), and Chairperson Faye Sinnott (CPFS).

Also in attendance were: Jim McGrath.
Village Staff: Jeremie Lukowicz, Andres Orrego

III. Public Comment
Jim McGrath (JM): Bakers Lake is not taking the rookery down. They're removing the platforms and this work is not scheduled. A month and a half ago Lake County implemented a no plastic rule in all municipal buildings.

Jeremie Lukowicz (JL): Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC) should be coordinating with the Village regarding the removal of the rookery.

CSL: Do Village buildings have ways to provide potable water to people to reduce plastic consumption?

JL: Yes, the Village has potable drinking stations at Village buildings to assist with reducing plastic consumption.

JM (Action): Jim will reach out to his contact at Kane County to see what they are doing to gather more information about reducing plastic consumption.

IV. Minutes
Minutes were distributed to the Committee to review.

Motion: A motion was duly made by Vice Chairperson Goitein and seconded by Commissioner Lenz to approve the minutes of the November 03, 2021 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

A voice vote was then called and unanimously approved.

V. Discussion Re: SWANCC Recycling Cart Tagging

JL: The cart tagging program trains volunteers to place stickers on recycling carts. The stickers on the carts will show the residents that they either recycled correctly or that improvements have to be made. Carts that are tagged as incorrect will have notes denoting what mistakes were made (tanglers, batteries, liquids, etc.) The cart tagging's time commitment should be a couple of hours and the area covered will be dependent on the number of volunteers. There are three subdivisions (Chippendale, Steeplechase, and Flint Creek (a bit more spread out)) that we are proposing to pilot this program. These were picked because of the consistent communication between the specified Home Owner's Association (HOA) and the Village.

CPFS: When is recycling picked up?

JL: The recycling takes place in the afternoon.

CSL: Are we going to increase the amount of homes tagged based on success?

JL: We are tagging the same residencies over the course of May. This is regardless of success.

VCDG: Can we use all ages for cart tagging?

JL: This program should focus more on adults because we are doing a large portion of this work on the street. We are asking volunteers to commit to at least two out of four Fridays in May.

JL: Who would be available and interested to assist in Cart Tagging?

ANSWER: Five Commissioners said yes; the other two were not able to commit.

CPFS: This is an opportunity to educate people and the committee would like to use platforms such as NextDoor and on Barrington's Volunteering website (thebavc.org). What is Groot's involvement in this process?

JL: There is limited involvement from Groot.

CSL: What is the date cart tagging training would occur?

JL/AO: The date for cart tagging training is April 5th; this is the same date as the next EAC meeting.

VI. Discussion Re: Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2)

The Committee decided to focus their efforts on food scraps and organic recycling. The Committee also wanted to focus on areas that the Village either doesn't currently engage in or could be improved upon with minimal extra effort, specifically educational effort.

CPFS: There is an opportunity to educate and remind the residents what recycling services and efforts are offered.

CRB: Could the Village, or someone on the committee, put together a survey about food scrap recycling?

JL: The Village will look into whether an all-inclusive refuse and recycling survey is feasible.

CRB: What is a timeline to get a survey out to residents?

JL: The Groot contract is over in 2023. We will speak with the Village about the benefits of getting a survey out by late spring of 2022.

CSL: What is the interest/involvement of residents in surveys? Is there a community event the committee can use to help with promotion/involvement?

JL: Generally speaking, resident interactions/responses with these surveys is pretty low.

CRB: Does curbside pickup for food recycling occur year round?

JL: The contract allows for schools to continue food recycling throughout the winter. This is not the case with residencies. We need proof of interest from Barrington Residents. The Village receives constant complaints about refuse and recycling rates being too high. The way to reduce costs would be to cut ancillary (less used) services.

Discussion ensued about the Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR).

CPFS: Expressed concerns with over salting and leaves covering inlets.

JL: Is the committee focused on doing one educational campaign per item. Or is the focus on combining multiple items into a more complex campaign?

CMH: Is there a timeline being considered for undertaking projects?

CSL: Two things are happening at the next meeting: discussion of the survey and SWANCC cart tagging training.

The Committee is concerned that prioritization needs to occur. Discussion ensued about the logistics of the Open Meetings Act.

The Committee requested a single summary of the highest priority items from the Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2).

CPFS: What does staff see as a priority?

VCDG: Is there any way for SWANCC to provide data about the success of Cart Tagging?

CJA: What is the most effective information to give to the residents in order for this program to succeed?

JL: If the committee puts together an educational campaign the Village will support these endeavors.

CJL: National Night Out presents and excellent opportunity to promote education. One of the EAC's goals is to not let another summer go by without addressing proper recycling procedures.

The Committee will figure out what pieces of information need to be made a priority and make an educational campaign for those. The Committee is focusing on big picture items to be brought to the Village Board's attention.

VII. Other Business

N/A

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was duly made by Commissioner Lucas and seconded by Vice Chairperson Goitein to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

A voice vote was then called following which Chairperson Sinnott declared the motion to adjourn had been unanimously adopted and the meeting was adjourned. The time was 8:01 p.m.