

VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE
LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2020

1. Call to Order.
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Maloney at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call.
Present: Chairperson Maloney; Commissioners Cody, Lucero, Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff
Absent: Commissioner Lambros
Also Present: Director of Public Works Bailey, Forester Collins
3. Consider approval of October 8, 2019, regular meeting minutes.
Motion Cody. Second Schaff. CARRIED. To approve the October 8, 2019, regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. 2020 Calendar Planning
The Chairperson led the Commission on a discussion focused on Commission event planning for 2020. The Commission agreed to host a Nature by Design Game Day on April 4 at the Library, Picnic Like It's 1869 on September 20 at the top of the Swan Pond sled hill and several Arboretum guided tours with dates to be determined. In addition, the Commission will request a booth at the Farmers Market to publicize its activities and promote the Village landscape.
5. Green Grant Summary
The Village, on behalf of the Landscape Advisory Commission, was awarded a ComEd Green Regions grant during 2018. The spending deadline for grant activities was December 19, 2019. The Chairperson reported that a Docent Handbook for Arboretum tours is in production, as well as, posters focused on Trees, Birds and Wildflowers. Kerchiefs to designate Arboretum docents have also been acquired and were displayed to the Commission. Some previously acquired materials such as nature oriented games and books, available in back packs for check out from the Library, will be used during the 2020 Nature by Design Game Day and Picnic Like It's 1869 events.
6. Chairperson's Report
The Chairperson's report was comprised of the 2020 Calendar Planning and Green Grant Summary.

7. Standing Discussion Items

Master Landscape Plan

Chairperson Maloney and Commissioner Plunkett will meet to review and discuss action items for the Master Landscape Plan.

Outreach and Education

Much of the meeting had been focused on outreach and education items. The Commission discussed sponsoring a Bioblitz during 2020 but agreed that, since a Bioblitz was held during 2019, it would be better to skip a year and suggested that Commissioner members attend Bioblitz's sponsored by other organizations during 2020 to gain tips and ideas for the next Bioblitz. The Commission also thought it would be good to collaborate on the next Bioblitz with an organization such as a Scout troop.

Arboretum

Commissioner Rubin reported that he has worked on revising and updating tree information including investigating several tree benefit calculators. The Commissioner volunteered to work on the Commission's web page on the Village web site sharing that more photographs can be added to the landing page. The staff liaison will work on arrangements.


Homeowner Guide to Planting Brochure

The Chairperson reported that she was still working on a final draft of the brochure.

8. Adjournment.

Motion Plunkett. Second Lucero. CARRIED. To adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Minutes Taken By:

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Minutes Approved By:

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