



**Meeting Date:** Thursday, May 18th, 2023  
**Meeting Time:** 6:00 P.M.  
**Meeting Location:** City Hall-118 Hillsboro Avenue  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

# COOL CITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

## Committee Members

Rachel Tompkins, Chair  
Michael Katich  
Tom Kinsella  
Cara Lytle

Stephanie Malench  
Kristen Pauli  
Sherrill Wible

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Revised Minutes from the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Cool Cities Committee meeting
4. Approval of Minutes from the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Cool Cities Committee meeting
5. Citizens wishing to address the Board
6. Announcements
7. Old Business
  - a. Website update with native plants
  - b. Recycling at Public Events
  - c. Parking Ordinance
  - d. Green Cities Challenge
  - e. Pollinator Pathways
  - f. Green Cities Tracker
8. New Business
  - a. May 20<sup>th</sup> Bike and Hike Event
  - b. East West Gateway Letter
9. Adjournment

**Next Cool Cities Committee Meeting: June 15th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 118 Hillsboro Avenue**

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## Cool Cities – March 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 Meeting

### Members present:

- Stephanie Malench
- Rachel Tompkins
- Michael Katich
- Tom Kinsella
- Kristen Pauli
- Jamie Henderson

Stephanie motions 1st, Tom motions 2nd, all agree on minutes from February 16th, 2023

### Visiting Guests:

- Clemmescia Jackson running for alderwoman for Ward 3:
  - Lives in Esic subdivision. Gets complaints from neighbors on light disturbance from the new skate rink. Lighting faces toward houses.
  - Lighting is on all the time. Lighting needs to be measured by an engineer. She plans to absolve this by emailing Steve.
  - She also has interest in the sustainability plan. Also has many thoughts/ideas on recycling in the communities.
- Mike Colligan from Green Builders Coalition
  - Visited to present to us on residential stretch energy code.
  - This is in progress with the state, but is not clear and thinks that many will not adopt it to be able to get it to the jurisdiction level. A second draft of this will be available soon and Mike plans to share with us once it is finished.
  - Rachel mentioned wanting the option for us as a city to adopt this residential stretch energy code as a choice for a higher level of approval.

### Old Business:

- Recycling for events: Event recycling at the library park will be taken care of by one of Nate Tingly's employees. Kristen plans to focus on finding an area to keep new bins for Saturday Goshen Market events.
- Parking ordinance: Is in order and they plan to have a draft by the end of the month. It is to be sent out to our committee once finished.

### New Business:

- Grants/funds for possible trash/recycle compactor for downtown
- Springer's Creek: flooding issues and possible plans to put in a rainwater garden.

### Other news:

- Stephanie presented an award to the Mayor for the Green Cities Challenge.
  - We plan to continue to do this for 2023. Stephanie will lead this again, Kristen plans to help out as well.
- Pollinator Pathway:

- Is in the works. Jenna Hogan is the person from the organization. Mapping of gardens and promote it. Will be on their website and also done by Sean Pelate of Heartland Conservancy.



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# COOL CITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Committee Members

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Brigham Dimick  
~~Jamie Henderson~~  
Michael Katich  
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1. Call to Order 6:01pm
2. Roll Call RT, BD, SM, MK, TK. SW all present. CL, SW and KP not present.
3. Approval of Minutes from the April 16th, 2022 Cool Cities Committee meeting. Revisions were made and then voted on and approved.
4. Citizens wishing to address the Board - none
5. Announcements – After a long tenure, Jamie Henderson has stepped down as board member. Brigham Dimick announced that this is his last meeting on the committee. Stephanie Malench volunteered to be the new secretary. The size of the committee has changed to seven and the quorum will now be four.
6. Old Business
  - A. Republic Services –

Recycling at Public Events – Recycling containers will be stashed in Public Works until Republic can pick them up. The new markings on the containers are much clearer and intuitive to read.
  - B. Parking Ordinance –

Steve is in mid-draft. Rather than imposing maximums of parking spaces city-wide, the plan is to just repeal the minimums. Maximums will be retained for downtown. Bicycle parking will provided on a model that is based on what Edwardsville's BPAC discovered from the Chicago plan.

A discussion ensued about new buyers of old businesses at the intersection of S. Buchanan Street and East Schwartz Street (Jack in the Box, and the original Annie's) regarding the new light ordinance. Evidence exists about light pollution negatively impacting bird navigation during migration season. Anecdotal evidence was shared about how the increasing amount of light pollution has contributed to a decline in the Edwardsville bat population.

#### C. Green Cities Challenge

An excellent meeting last Friday. Stephanie spoke of Webster Groves campaign of giving away garden signs for "No Mow May" during which the mowing ordinance of the municipality is not enforced until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May. TK recommends a "No Maximum Height" which would allow mowing while not mowing down much that which is in bloom. The board members listed many of the blooming plants currently in bloom.

#### D. Pollinator Pathways

Mapping of our town as pollinator gardens was discussed in previous meeting. The only criterion to qualify is that one's garden or lawn does not use pesticides. One's address is not disseminated, but rather a butterfly icon is simply placed on the street on the map. Since privacy is protected, it should bolster participation. For those interested, contact Jenna Hogan at Pollinator Pathways. MK mentioned other Illinois communities with maps of pollinator gardens in their communities.

### 7. New Business

#### A. Bike and Hike Event –

Request from SJ Morrison in which EPAC asked us to collaborate with them on May 20<sup>th</sup> (during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the Goshen Market) with organized rides and walks. Will give away pancakes from Chris's Cakes and it is advertised as a Waste Free event with compostable eating ware.

#### B. Green Business/Green Cities Tracker-

The Green Cities Challenge agency now provides a Green Business and Green Cities Tracker for each city to keep track of. An Edwardsville City email plus a point person would be required to input the data (for sustainable practices like a no idling ordinance for city vehicles, LED lightbulb exchange, and the list goes on). RT will send Claire lott the information for further consideration. Steve suggests there will be overlap with the city's annual report since there are shared data points to audit.

#### C. Updating Website for Native Planting

The idea is to have a page on City website that will provide guidance to citizens interested in developing a native garden, as well as links to *Grow Native*, *Heartland Conservancy* (they have an annual sale), and other sources for native plants. SM suggested listing native plants available at local vendors and guidance for what to plant in shade and sun. Steve has the authority to approve whatever needs to go on the webpage.

8. Adjournment – The board adjourned at 7:25pm. SK moved, MK seconded.

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