

Edwardsville Cool Cities Initiative Advisory Committee

Official Minutes for the meeting on

February 18, 2021

First Floor Conference Room, Edwardsville City Hall

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order at 5:39pm

Members Present: Rachel Tompkins, Jamie Henderson, Cara Lytle, Stephanie Malench, Tom Kinsella, Brigham Dimick, Caleb Miller

Members Absent: Brad Sauer (pending member)

Guests: Fire Chief James Whiteford, Linda Brubaker

Citizens to speak to the commission – James Whiteford, Linda Brubaker

1. Call to Order 5:39 pm
2. Roll call – all present, except Brad Sauer
3. Approve Meeting minutes from January 21, 2021
 - a. Stephanie motioned
 - b. Rachel 2nd
 - c. Approved by roll call
4. Fire Chief James Whiteford
 - a. The Fire Chief attended to discuss the new Fire Department
 - b. Cool Cities expressed their interest in having a seat during planning the new station to make recommendations for Energy efficiency.
 - c. Regarding a solar system with battery back up systems, the Fire Chef was aware of the program targeting fire stations. The Chief likes redundancy, two for sure, three redundancies preferable.
 - d. Rachel will keep in touch with Kevin Head regarding the new fire station and our seat at the table.
5. Old Business
 - a. BYO – no change, still on hold pending the Governor
 - b. James Whiteford (see above) and Linda Brubaker just wanted to attend to see what Cool Cities was all about.
 - c. Nexamp – no change
 - d. Composting initiative. “A good dirt composting collective” (they have an official name)
 - e. Climate Action Plan – will present to the city after the election.
 - f. Brigham provided his report on the bicycle initiative.
 - i. SIUe is working towards becoming a Bicycle friendly Campus
 - ii. Caleb was successful in getting the application for the city submitted in February, Caleb has received a survey in return. He suspects the City will be awarded a Bronze status. Caleb plans to pursue Gold or Platinum in coming years.

- iii. Brigham is involved in forming an Ad hoc committee within Cool Cities, SJ Morrison is in support
- iv. Emily Fultz is hoping to develop a Bicycle Plan....when she finds time.
- v. Plans are being planned for National Bike Month in May.
- vi. MCT is considering a 90 minute video supporting their bike trails to encourage use for all users, not just the spandex crowd.

6. New Business

- a. BYO is wanting to ask all local restaurants to ask customers ordering "take out" if they want plastic utensils....as apposed to automatically sending utensils that will be thrown away or hopefully recycled.
 - b. If they ask...^{BYO}Cool Cities will give them an "attaboy"
 - c. Would Cool Cities sponsor the effort?
 - d. Cool Cities would certainly support their effort
 - e. Cara offered to help with calls to the restaurants and suggested an information letter first, followed up with a call.
 - f. BYO asked Cool Cities to write the letter. Stephanie will draft the letter and send to Caleb.
 - g. Caleb will ask the City if they would cover the postage expenses.
7. Meeting Adjourned
- a. Jamie motioned
 - b. Stephanie 2nd
 - c. Approved by Roll call.
8. Next Meeting – March 18th at 6:00pm.

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