

Edwardsville Coo Cities Initiative Advisory Committee
Official Minutes for the meeting on
Thursday October 17, 2019
First Floor Conference Room, Edwardsville City Hall

Call to Order at 5:07

Members Present: Rachel Tompkins, Tom Kinsella, Jamie Henderson, Cara Lytle, Bingham Dimick, Cheryl Porter.

Approval of Minutes from September, 9, 2019, motion by Jamie, second by Tom and Rachel. Approved.

Citizens wishing to speak to the Commission – NONE

OLD BUSINESS

4a. Green Cities Challenge.

- Rachel submitted a 3 page document including photos
- This is to hopefully change Policy with the City
- We seem to be poised to be heard by the City Council

4b. Recycling information for the Water bills.

- Rachel believes they will go out with the Oct 18-19 water bills.
- There was a delay based on bad communication, which has all been cleared up.
- Rachel wondered if we should we request a “graphic” chain of command.
- Cheryl will check and report back to the commission.

4c. BYO (the purpose of BYO IS NOT TO JUST ELIMINATE PLASTIC, BUT TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENCE TO USE THEIR OWN REUSABLE BAGS.)

- The City has approved a .10 cent fee for disposable bags., to start in April 2020 in Edwardsville businesses only.
- City Ordinance
- Bring a bag – leave a bag, locations all over town.
- City or Committee will find a way to provide “free bags”

NEW BUSINESS

5c. Susan Bautsch – Beautification and Tree Commission – Guest (gave us a presentation

- The commission is concerned about mature trees in Edwardsville.
- They received a grant to inventory trees
- Heritage Tree program to conserve old trees.
- Tree of Merit
 - turned into an Art Project
 - plotted on GIS map

5b. Policy changes to present to the City Council

- Ban on plastic water bottles. NO Styrofoam.
- Green guidelines for events (see MO Botanical Gardens guidelines)
- Pesticides

5a, Recycling information at events

- Talk to Carrie Ward with Republic Services regarding cardboard containers for events.

At the next meeting we hope to invite the following guests.

- Jean Ponzi, in preparation for presentation to the City Council
- Pat Peterson
- Matt Taul – pesticides

Adjournment: Jamie made the motion, Tom Second, approved by vote.

NEXT MEETING: November 21, 2019 at City Hall.

Rachel V. Tompkins, FWD