



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Summary

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Tuesday, May 7, 2024

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 A.M. meeting was called to order by Chair Sheila Rutledge at 8:30 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Other Board Members present: Member Yeena Yoo late arrival at 8:41 A.M and Member Patty Gustin late arrival at 8:42 A.M. due to attending another committee meeting.

PRESENT	Covert, Cronin Cahill, Garcia, LaPlante, and Rutledge
ABSENT	Evans
LATE	Gustin

Motion to allow a Board Member to join committee for quorum purposes

Chair Rutledge made a motion at 9:05 A.M. to add Member Patty Gustin to the meeting for quorum purposes when Vice Chair Garcia and Member Cahill left to attend another meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE

Chair Rutledge thanked Public Works and the Division of Transportation for the tree planting they did at the Great Western Trail in West Chicago. Chair Rutledge shared information about the Blooming Fest in downtown West Chicago taking place on May 18, 2024.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay McKeen, Founder and Executive Director of SCARCE, thanked numerous people for their participation in the Design Challenge, The Garden Market, and Earth Flag ceremonies. McKeen provided information on upcoming events for the months of May and June.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [24-1425](#)

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MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Sadia Covert

6. STAFF REPORTS**6.A. [24-1426](#)****2024 International Compost Awareness Week**

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, shared information about the media plan for distributing the educational material on composting during International Compost Awareness Week taking place from May 5, 2024 to May 11, 2024.

6.B [24-1427](#)**Grow Geo Chicagoland**

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, shared information about the educational campaign and contractor introduction program, Grow Geo Chicagoland. Spreading the word about geothermal and pairing a resident with an experienced contractor is the goal of this program.

7. PRESENTATIONS**7.A. Priority Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Metropolitan Statistical Area 2024**

Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, presented updates and information on the planning and implementation of the U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants.

8. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Rutledge shared that she received an email from a constituent in regards to proper recycling. Chair Rutledge was accompanied by Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, in discussing the U.S. EPA Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.