



VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE
LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
This meeting was conducted electronically via Zoom.

1. Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Riverside Landscape Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday February 9th, 2021, electronically via Zoom. Chairperson Maloney called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Maloney; Commissioners Cody, Lambros, Lucero, Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff
Absent: None
Also Present: Public Works Director Tabb, Forester Collins

3. Consider Approval of January 12th, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 12th, 2021 regular meeting minutes with proposed changes by Commissioner Plunkett. Second by Commissioner Lucero.

AYES: Maloney, Cody, Lambros, Lucero, Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff

NAYES: None

Motion carried.

Changes include: **Item 8**, Arboretum-Tours “year round tours” to “quarterly tours.”

New Business

4. Review and Discuss the Virtual BioBlitz

Commissioner’s Plunkett and Lambros discussed the Virtual BioBlitz webinar they attended February 4th. The webinar discussed the iNaturalist and City Nature Challenge taking place between April 30th & May 3rd. This event involves the collection of data points on trees, animals, insects, and wildlife sounds. The consensus was to observe and possibly participate on a personal level in the upcoming event and decide a course of action for a possible future event

hosted in Riverside. The Commission will address the potential June 26th BioBlitz, to be held in Riverside, during the March meeting.

Review and Discuss the UIC Urban Studies Program

Chairperson Maloney explained that The Olmsted Society has secured two projects through the UIC Urban Studies program which will be occurring this spring semester. One project, which may be of interest to the Landscape Advisory Commission, is researching the relationship between historic preservation of the landscape and the environmental impact that climate change is having on it.

Old Business

5. Review and Discuss Landscape Video Status

The Commission discussed various issues they had with the Landscape Video such as partially edited video, misaligned photos, and the need to change the music. Chairperson Maloney will go back to Riverside TV and address the concerns that were raised during the meeting. The consensus was to allow for more editing time and the placement of additional film footage, photos, and voiceovers.

Swan Pond Options

Chairperson Maloney is going to forward the Swan Pond Stewardship Options draft document to Forester Collins, Director Tabb and Commissioner Schaff for their input. The refined document would then be presented to the entire Commission.

6. Chairperson's Report

Olmsted 200 – Chairperson Maloney discussed putting “Picnic Like its 1869” on the National Calendar to celebrate Olmsted 200 in 2022. It was suggested that LAC@riverside.il.us be used for outside communications to the Commission. Commissioner Rubin suggested the possibility of doing further events based on ideas from the Olmsted 200 website. Chairperson Maloney mentioned a fundraising effort on behalf of FLOS to plant a Tree Tribute Garden. FLOS would work in conjunction with The Seed to do collections throughout the year in order to develop shadow boxes for the Tree Tribute Garden fundraiser.

7. Standing Discussion Topics

Master Landscape Plan

No further discussion or action taken.

Outreach and Education

Chairperson Maloney requested idea submissions for the Enewsletter.

Arboretum

Tours

Commissioner Plunkett noted the interest and desire to begin tours on Arbor Day, April 30th. After further discussion, it was agreed to take a cautious approach due to COVID and wait to see how things progress. Forester Collins did mention he would be planting a tree to commemorate Arbor Day. Commissioner Plunkett offered to do a walk through with the arboretum docents on Arbor Day in lieu of an Arboretum Tour.

Data

Commissioner Rubin reported that the high school aged birder, who set the record last year for bird identification, would be willing to do a presentation during the summer. Commissioner Schaff suggested combing the Library summer reading program with the donated viewer, and the bird lecture. Commissioner Lucero contacted a college age birder who leads birding tours and was willing to do a tour or presentation. The general consensus of the Commission was to discuss further with both presenters on dates they would be available to present. Commissioner Rubin reported that the website tree viewer has received approximately 1900 views as of January 18th, 2021. He also mentioned success in the ability to inlay a picture of a tree's leaf into the larger picture of the tree for the benefit of identification while using the tree viewer.

Homeowner Guide to Planting Brochure

Chairperson Maloney discussed a soft rollout of the Homeowner Guide to Planting Brochure as opposed to the initial coordinated release of the brochure and the video.

8. Forester's Report

Forester Collins has begun prepping for the spring tree planting. Forester Collins made mention of his invitation from the state forester to attend the iTree Academy as one of two State of Illinois representatives to be included in the program. Chairperson Maloney brought up the issue of cicadas and the possible effect on tree planting. Forester Collins has noted the 2024 planting season as the one that may have to be altered due to the cyclic cicadas.

Other Business

None at this time.

9. Motion to adjourn:

A motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. was made by Commissioner Lucero. Second by Commissioner Rubin.

AYES: Maloney, Cody, Lambros, Lucero, Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff

NAYES: None

Motion carried.

Minutes Taken By:

Minutes Approved By:
