

MINUTES
Sustainability Committee
February 20, 2019
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at the Municipal Complex in Crystal Lake.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

Present were the following committee members: Chair John Kavalunas, Scott Hennings, Terry Dieckhoff, Ryan Pettit and Lehn Shepherd. Also in attendance was Kim Buscemi, Manager of Recreation Programs for the Crystal Lake Park District, and Nick Hammonds, Management Analyst.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from January 16, 2019

Scott Hennings moved to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2019 meeting as amended. Terry Dieckhoff seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed.

V. Bike With Your Neighbor Event

Kim Buscemi with the Crystal Lake Park District joined the meeting to discuss the 2019 Bike With Your Neighbor event. Kim Buscemi advised that the Park District has everything scheduled for the event to be held on June 9, 2019 with a rain date of June 30, 2019. Ryan Pettit stated that he will send the QR code for the map application to the Committee members. Kim Buscemi discussed updating of the flier for the event. John Kavalunas stated that he visited Wheel Werks and additional prizes may be available for the event. Kim Buscemi discussed possible additions to the prizes, including a mini-golf discount or Frisbee golf discs. Scott Hennings also discussed additional prizes may come from Lucky Brake.

The Committee reviewed the following timeline for the event:

- Noon – 2:15 p.m.: Bike Rodeo (Park District Police)
Bike Registrations (Park District Police)
- Noon – 12:30 p.m.: Event Registration and Waivers (SC Members)
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.: Safety Talk (Park District Police)
- Noon – 1:00 p.m.: Lucky Brake Booth
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.: Bike Rides

-12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Games at Main Beach

-2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Scavenger Hunt Clues Reviewed, Raffle Tickets & Refreshment Tickets Distributed (1 ticket – short route, 2 tickets – 6 clues, 3 tickets 10 + clues), riders put raffle chances in buckets.

-2:30 p.m.: Prize Drawings (SC Members)

The Committee and Kim Buscemi discussed renaming the three routes for the event. Kim Buscemi stated that she has received questions regarding the event, and Scott Hennings stated that he used to have his phone number on the flier.

John Kavalunas began a discussion regarding food options for the event. The Committee discussed the need to include higher priced ice cream items in the coupons. Kim Buscemi stated that she will modify the coupons from 2018 to remain valid for 2019. Kim Buscemi also stated that the Park District Chief of Police is supportive of the event and will host the safety talk and bike rodeo.

The Committee discussed the optimal timing for the safety talk and the importance of clarifying that riders must return by 2:30 p.m. Terry Dieckhoff stated that conducting a talk at the beginning and end of the event would be beneficial. Scott Hennings stated that the Committee should make a point of crediting the bike shops for their efforts.

The Committee then discussed the difficulty for individuals to partake in the event if they do not own a bike or do not have a bike rack on their vehicle. Scott Hennings discussed the possibility of a bike sharing rack being placed at Main Beach, which could then be used for the event. Kim Buscemi advised that she was not aware of developments by the Park District to join the bike sharing program, however she advised that she will be inquiring about the Park District's possible involvement.

VI. GIS Biking App Discussion

Scott Hennings stated that the County does not yet have an update for the anticipated launch of the bike sharing app. He stated that the app should be available by early April to the public. Ryan Pettit inquired if the app is being operated through the McHenry County GIS, and Scott Hennings confirmed this to be correct.

VII. Bicycle Friendly Community

John Kavalunas began the discussion of the Bicycle Friendly Community status. John Kavalunas advised that he sent the application to Wheel Werks and the owner of the business had expressed interest in applying and paying the fee for the Bicycle Friendly designation. Terry Dieckhoff stated that he has not yet contacted businesses regarding the status. Scott Hennings advised that he spoke with a manager at Lucky Brake who mentioned a business in Algonquin that pursued the Bicycle Friendly Business status. The Committee discussed how to promote the status designation to get other businesses involved.

VIII. SolSmart Discussion

Terry Dieckhoff began the SolSmart discussion by reviewing the advantages of cities getting involved to ease the solar process for homeowners. SolSmart specifically prepares rules for cities to follow to ensure a seamless process. Terry Dieckhoff discussed the possible issues when an individual is leasing the solar equipment and moves to a new address.

IX. Open Discussion

Scott Hennings stated that he was disappointed that Crystal Lake will not be participating in the bike sharing program. Lehn Shepherd inquired if riders have to pay a fee to use the bikes and Scott Hennings confirmed. Scott Hennings discussed the future of the program.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Adjourn

There being no further business, Terry Dieckhoff moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Scott Hennings seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.