

Environment Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
June 6, 2022

**Village of Homer Glen
14240 W 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491
Community Room**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Co-Chair Pazmino.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**3. Roll Call.**

Members present were Co-Chair Ruben Pazmino, Carina Cirillo, Bob Moses, Joe Turrise, Andy Panelli, Staff Member Melissa King, and Staff Member Taylor Udarbe.

Also, in Attendance was Fran of the Homer Glen Junior Women's Club.

Absent: Co-Chair Jennifer Consolino, Member Chris Chiapetta, Member John Walters, Member Nancy Carlson and Member Gary White.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

5. Minutes.**a) May 2, 2022**

Co-Chair Pazmino asked the committee if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022 Environment Committee meeting and Member Cirillo made the motion.

Member Turrise wanted to know if there was follow up to extend trash pickup and Co-Chair Pazmino said this has gone to the Village Manager and he will follow up again. Member Turrise also added that the minutes should be amended to reflect the correct park names with blooming bluebells from last meeting – Pilcher Park and Messenger Woods.

Staff King asked for a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was made by Member Cirillo and was seconded by Member Panelli. The motion passed.

6. Public Comment.**7. Old Business.****a) 2022 Environment Committee Event/Activity Dates****1. Big Tree Contest**

Staff King explained that Member Turrise measured one tree already and she had a few other nominations from Village Staff Members. Member Cirillo said she also knows a tree and will get Staff King the addresses for her list. Staff King said it is not too late to nominate.

Co-Chair Pazmino asked when the date for this event will be and Staff King it will be the same meeting at the Community and Nature in Harmony Award in August.

2. Community and Nature in Harmony Awards

Staff King told the committee that this is the same situation as the Big Tree Award. they need nominations. Fran added her garden walk has similar issues. Staff King told the committee she was thinking about adopting a subdivision and driving around for nominations.

The committee discussed past nominations and all the beautiful gardens and ponds. Staff King asked the committee to be on the lookout when driving around the Village for nominations. Member Cirillo asked if there were specific categories and Staff King told her there is not, and explained all the various award nominations in the past. Member Turrise added his neighbor decorates their subdivision entrance for different seasons and holidays.

3. Plastic Free July

Member Panelli explained to the committee what happened with the paper fliers: they planned to get the inserts out during first week of July but then received a late notice from Media Times, or Southland, that they would no longer be servicing the Homer Glen area. He added they had to make new arrangements to make it work and they also got New Way to co-op an article in the paper about Plastic Free July and more responsible recycling. Member Panelli asked that they follow up with Media Times, as they had already received the dye cut fliers and they should be retrieved before they dispose of them. Co-Chair Pazmino told the committee about a new political newspaper called Southland Time, not Southland Your Times, and said his restaurant has been getting them and they are starting to expand. Staff King told the committee that it was a crazy experience with payment as well.

4. Seedlings Event (update)

Fran told there were more volunteers than participants, even though they had 24 signed up only around 8 kids showed up, included staff King's children. The committee discussed that the event definitely had a lot of attention online and that Rose set up a really nice program so they should look at doing reminder emails next time. Co-Chair Pazmino said they should do events with kids multiple times a year so they have something to look forward to.

8. New Business.

Co-Chair Pazmino told the committee about an REI education program, very similar messages to 4H, which is targeted to children. He told the presenter about the committee and is hoping to set up a time to have him come out to give a presentation.

Member Cirillo asked about the greenhouse plant sale that the committee discussed during the last meeting. They told her they had just been chatting about how many

members had visited recently. She also asked if the Arbor Day photo was posted anywhere. Staff King said that Amy likely posted it, but she would check.

9. Announcements/Committee Member Communication

Member Cirillo told the committee she had gotten a new full-time position at the Friends of the Forest Preserves as a senior program assistant.

Fran asked the committee if they knew of any really nice gardens and to let her know.

Staff King asked the committee to fill out their contact forms before they leave. She added that she also could not find the Arbor Day picture and that they should ask Co-Chair Consolino to send it out and they will post it.

10. Adjournment/ Committee Members Communication.

Member Cirillo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm and Member Panelli seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:



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