



Batavia Environmental Commission
CITY OF BATAVIA
100 N. Island Ave., Batavia, IL 60510
<http://www.bataviaec.org>

AGENDA
Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall

1. Call to Order

2. Member and Guest Introductions

Members: Tim Grimm, Rahat Bari, Emma Cole, Andrew Greenhagen, Andrew Deitchman, Carolyn Burnham, Alex Zelles

Guests: Andrew Greenhagen, Dustin Pieper, Jen Ress

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved and sent.

4. Green Business Recognition

Submissions will be accepted on an ongoing basis with a goal of recognizing a business or two twice a year. Emma will be sending the flyer to Carolyn to put out on social media and our website.

5. Residential Waste Hauling RFP

Carolyn presented last night at COW about the BEC's recommendations for the RFP. Topics being discussed: food scrap collection, moving yard waste pick up to April, spring clean up, and cart collection (pay as you throw). The presentation went well.

6. Battle of the Brush Pile

Event went well. The difference made when the brush was cleared was amazing. Lots of kids came out and it was successful even despite the break due to COVID. Sidenote- Fabyan South is complete.

7. Single Use Bag Fee

Ordinance passed!

Choices for education campaign: BYOB*, Bag to the Future, Relax- You Can Avoid the Tax, Jump on the Bag Wagon, Bag to the Basics, Bag Up Batavia. BEC members

provided feedback strongly in favor of BYOB* and Bag to the Future.

Committee members will look to make another meeting with the City happen on the topic of the education campaign help and allocation of fees.

8. Rodenticide

Rodenticide is being used in many places and can cause secondary poisoning in wildlife that is unintentional.

Michael was curious if the city uses rodenticide but Rahat reports that the city uses metal traps without poison- catch and release.

Is there something we can do? Something to consider.

9. Earth Month

Ideas: Batavia reusable bags could be ready by then, hopefully we will have a couple green businesses to announce, and possibly a Big Tree could be recognized as well.

Other ideas: tree giveaway,

10. Open Discussion

Some discussion about a new Chairperson, but no decisions were made.

Also, a discussion was had about working with BHS to have a student liaison.

11. Adjournment