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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting Agenda

September 4, 2025 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

1. **6:30 - Call to Order**
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Inspiration – Walt Wojcik**
 - a. Next Month 10/2/25 -
5. **Review of Minutes – Nikki Way (5 min)**
 - a. Approval of 6/11/25 regular meeting minutes
 - b. Approval of 8/7/25 regular meeting minutes
 - c. Next Month's Minutes -
6. **Quarterly Reports**
 - a. Q1 - 2025: Kari Roberg
 - b. Q2 - 2025: Walt
 - c. Q3 – 2025: Walt
7. **Updates from Village Staff and Board Representatives – (10 min) Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic**
 - a. Public Works
 - i. Biodiesel use (Liz W-Chase)
 - ii. Tree program (Alex Silva)
 - b. SBC Compost Update
8. **New Business**
 - a. Strategic planning - Nikki

9. Old Business (50 min)

a. Greenest Region Compact (GRC) and Subcommittee Updates – Liz (5 min)

- a. Subcommittee reports:
 - i. Water – Mariana Nicolae/Walt
 - ii. Municipal Operations – Kari Roberg/Demitrus Evans
 - iii. Climate – Kari/Alex
- b. Energy Plan - Liz

b. West Cook Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – Liz

c. Event Planning Protocol

d. Upcoming Event Support Needs - Liz (10 min)

- a. Proposals February, March

Comments (5 min)

9. Public Participation - *In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 8:00 p.m., please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.*

10. Adjournment

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2025 Planning Calendar (One event per month, plan 3 months in advance)						
Month	Event	Organizer	Date	Location	Status	Notes
Sep-25	Reuse-a-palooza	Nikki	Sept 20-21		Approved	
<i>Tabling</i>	Prairie Fest	Liz	Sept 6 10a-4p	#18	Approved	
<i>Tabling</i>	The Farm	Mariana /Kari	Saturdays 10a-5p	The Farm	Approved	Need to decide dates for Annie
Oct-25						
<i>Tabling</i>	The Farm	Mariana /Kari	Saturdays 10a-5p	The Farm	Approved	Need to decide dates for Annie
Nov-25	Pumpkin Smash	Kari	Nov 8-9		Approved	
	CUB Solar Event with Grace Concialdi*	Liz	Nov 19* 12-1pm	Library*	Approved	*Finalizing date/location. Virtual presentation will be recorded for GROW page, might be live-streamed
<i>Tabling</i>						
Dec-25						
<i>Tabling</i>						
Jan-26	Energy Efficiency w/ Tori Woolbright/ Community Solar CS2 w/ Sharon Alegado, MC2	Liz	TBD		Approved	Need 2 Commissioners to help run energy efficiency games
<i>Tabling</i>						
Feb-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						
Mar-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						
Apr-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						

TBD	Town Hall Meeting over coffee	Walt				
TBD	Climate Action Presentation	Walt				
TBD	Home Electrification	Liz				
TBD	Waste Collection with SCARCE	Kari				Need a proposal with space needs

Newsletter Calendar		
Month	Article Topic	Author
Monthly	Plant Based Recipes	Kari
Monthly	Monthly Green Fact	Walt
October 2025	Pumpkin Smash	Kari
November 2025	Solar	Liz
December 2025		

Agenda Calendar (for reference)		
Month	GROW Business	Education topics
January	SBC Stipend Kick-Off	Home Efficiency
February	SBC Stipend Discussion	
March	SBC Stipend Vote	
April		
May	Fourth of July Planning	Native Plants
June		
July		
August		
September		Recycling
October		
November	Strategic Planning	
December	Strategic Planning	