

Environmental Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 3, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Jimmy Davis
Urania Erskine
Antonio Monaco
Gene Phillips
Marissa Rogers (NPC Liaison)
Chairman Joe Skelley
David Smith
Jayu Wagh

STAFF

Tiffany Howlett
Todd Mittge
Alderman Jon McCreery
Bo Mills

ABSENT

Michael McGinnis
Scott Schoefernacker
Susan Threlkeld

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the January 6, 2022 meeting by Urania Erskine and seconded by Jimmy Davis.

ROLL CALL

Davis-yes, Erskine-yes, Monaco-yes, Phillips-yes, Skelley-yes, Smith-yes, Wagh-yes.
Motion approved.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSION MEMBERS, ALDERMAN, AND STAFF

ALDERMAN LIAISON COMMENTS

Urania Erskine

- Commissioner Erskine expressed concern over energy prices. Director Mills acknowledged an adjustment to many of the city's budgets would take place to accommodate this increase.

Jayu Wagh

- Commissioner Wagh discussed the importance of tree planting. By planting the right kind of vegetation, it will produce enough oxygen to help combat climate change and reduce carbon emissions.
- Commissioner Wagh expressed thanks to the ECD team, Joe Nunes, and Waste Pro for ensuring all sanitation is picked up in a timely and efficient manner.

Marissa Rogers

- Neighborhood Preservation Commission liaison, Marissa Rogers, shared with the commission details about the upcoming annual Neighborhood Summit.

2022 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK

A motion was made to accept the 2022 Environmental Commission Annual Plan of Work by David Smith and seconded by Antonio Monaco.

The commission unanimously voted to approve the 2022 Environmental Commission Annual Plan of Work.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Davis inquired about residential small cell towers in Germantown. Alderman McCreery shared that currently Verizon is the only small cell provider, but other applicants are not to be rejected if a need for level of service is expressed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by Jimmy Davis, seconded by David Smith.

ROLL CALL

Davis-yes, Erskine-yes, Monaco-yes, Phillips-yes, Skelley-yes, Smith-yes, Wagh-yes.
Motion approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Joe Skelley, Commission Chairman