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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

April 3, 2025 @ 6:30pm
Village Hall Board Room

1. **6:30 - Call to Order**
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Welcome New Commissioners – Liz W-Chase**
5. **Inspiration – Walt Wojcik**
 - a. Next Month 5/1/26:
5. **Review of Minutes – Nikki Way (5 min)**
 - a. Approval of 3/6/25 regular meeting minutes
6. **Quarterly Reports – Liz W-Chase (5 min)**
 - a. Q1 - 2025: Kari Roberg
 - b. Q2 - 2025:
7. **Updates from Village Staff and Board Representatives – (10 min) Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic**
 - a. Community Solar Energy Sovereignty and Equitable Energy Future Grants
 - b. Buckthorn Grant
 - c. Other
8. **Old Business (70 min)**
 - a. **Greenest Region Compact (GRC) and Subcommittee Updates – Liz W-Chase (20 min)**
 - a. Overview and process
 - b. Subcommittee reports:
 - i. Water – Mariana Nicolae/Walt
 - ii. Municipal Operations – Kari/(open)

- iii. Climate – Kari/(open)
- iv. Energy – Liz/Walt

b. West Cook Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan - Liz (5 minutes)

c. SBC Stipends Fiscal Years Ending (FYE) 4/25 and 4/26– Nikki (10 minutes)

- a. Overview & review of FYE 4/25 approved projects
- b. Draft of proposal template for discussion
- c. Review of remaining FYE 4/25 projects for FYE 4/26 consideration
- d. Discuss timeline for submission and finalizing by end of FY April 2026

d. Upcoming Event Support Needs - Liz W-Chase (5 min)

e. Newsletter Article Ideas/Support - Liz W-Chase (5 min)

9. Comments (5 min)

- i. Commission Comments
 - 1. Notes from Alliance for Water Efficiency Webinar (Mariana)
- ii. Staff/Board Comments

10. 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.*

11. Adjournment

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2025 Planning Calendar				
Event	Organizer	Date		
Artisan Fair	Walt/Nikki	March 23, 2025	Completed	
April Movie Night - Common Ground	Walt	April 24, 2025	Confirmed	Promotion started
Guided Tour of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	Mariana	May 15	Confirmed	Sign ups have gone out. Need names 2 weeks in advance.
July 4 th Parade - EV Car / E-Bike Show	Walt	July 4th	Confirmed	Promotion started
International Water Day	Mariana	March 22	Proposed	
International Composting Awareness Week Tabling - TBD	Liz	May 4 - 10	Proposed	Materials and locations need confirmation
Air Quality Awareness Week Tabling	Liz	May 5 - 9	Proposed	Withdrawn – compost week
Waste Collection with SCARCE	Kari	Spring 2025	Proposed	
Earth Day		April 22	Proposed	
Arbor Day – Oak?		April 25, 2025	Proposed	
Solar Event with CUB	Liz	Mid-June (?)	Proposed	Securing speaker(s)
Climate Action Event	Walt	Spring/Summer 2025	Proposed	
Summer Movie Night	Walt			
Home Electrification	Liz	Summer/Fall 2025	Proposed	
Reuse-a-palooza	Nikki	September 21 + 22	Proposed	Need to confirm date with GROW and Board.

Newsletter Calendar		
Month	Article Topic	Author
Monthly	Plant Based Recipes	Kari
Monthly	Monthly Green Fact	Walt
January 2025	Improving Your Indoor Environment	
February 2025	Eco-Friendly Valentine's Day	Walt
March 2025	International Water Day	Mariana
April 2025	Tentative: Spring Lawn Care (Calendar?) /How to Compost/July 4 th EV Casting Call	Kari
May 2025	Say Goodbye to Plastic	Walt
June 2025	Slow Mow Summer	??
June/July 2025	Solar	??

2025 GROW Commission Priorities: Education/Engagement, Advisement, Climate Action Plan