

**Environmental Committee**  
**March 19, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m. – Police Training Room**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Introduction
4. New Business/Old Business
5. Next Meeting
6. Adjournment

**Minutes  
City of Darien  
Environmental Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 22, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Robert Erck, Hilda Gonzalez, Allan Jackimek, Lisa Klemm – Liaison, Edith Makra (Director, Environmental Initiatives-Mayor’s Caucus) and Sylvia Mclvor (Alderman Ward 6)

**ABSENT:** Jane Harmon, Deb Hardtke, Arleta Peknik, and Kris Sant

Chairman Jackimek called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. at the Darien Police Department Communication Room.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Committee will be hosting its first event – electronic recycling event this spring. Two dates have been selected – April 21<sup>st</sup> (day before Earth Day) or April 28<sup>th</sup>. Klemm will check with Advanced Disposal. Advanced Disposal to provide a 30 yard roll off for \$325.00. Event will only be 2 hours (8 a.m. to 10 a.m.) It will be limited to residents of Darien (need to provide identification). Residents will need to be able to unload their own items.

Tour of the Recycling Center in Forest Park. Members are available either Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> or Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Checking with Advanced Disposal’s availability as well as how long the tour will last. Restrictions are from 11:00 to 12:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Collection update: in 2016 over 170 pumpkins were collected at Hinsdale South High School for composting. Waiting on final number for 2017.

Member Erck provided information from Garden Prairie Organics regarding composting and its’ benefits. Composting is easy and a great way to recycle yard waste and kitchen scraps into a fertile, sweet-smelling soil builder.

Members asked what Advanced Disposal does with the grass clippings, leaves, and Christmas trees. According to Advanced Disposal, it is Green Soils in Hoffman Estates.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Darien Park District will be planting a rain garden at Chestnut Park beginning this spring (April/May). Rain gardens are one very good option that helps lower the impact of impervious surfaces and polluted runoff because they are low-tech, inexpensive, sustainable and aesthetically beautiful.

SolSmart Update: Alderman Mclvor introduced herself, provided a background of her work, and offered to be the Council representative for the Environmental Committee. Ms. Mclvor

announced that the City of Darien has been recognized as achieving “BRONZE” status as a community. The City will be presented with a plaque at Argonne in February.

Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives – Mayor’s Caucus, introduced herself and provided an overview of her experience and background. Ms. Makra further presented detailed information on Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2).

Chairperson Jackimek made a recommendation for the City of Darien Environmental Committee to adopt GRC2.

**NEXT MEETING** – Monday, March 19, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.