

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA

Tuesday February 6, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Alexa Room – Village Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER –

Members Present: Chrissy Christian, Co-Chair; Anna Newell, Trustee; Nancy Schaefer, Lorraine Leisenburg; Kymberli Mulford; Amy Hartsough; Hannelore Conley; Lewis Boshier; Alfredo Izquierdo; Sheila Schwartz; Amy Decker; Sue Simmons; George Tuhowski (6:13 PM)

Members Absent: Co-chair Natalie Lichtenbert

Others Present: Aaron Howe, staff liaison; Lon Harner, resident; Eric Palm, Village Manager; Jon Pape, Assistant Village Manager.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given at this meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 2, 2024 – with corrections (Feb 5 to Feb 6) AND in #3, change Amy to Amy H.

MOTION by Commissioner Conley, SECOND by Commissioner Mulford to approve the minutes from the Jan 2, 2024 meeting, as amended: 12-0 AYE.

4. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

No separate staff liaison report was given during this meeting, updates were given during agenda items.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Sustainability Commission 2024 Priorities

Commissioner Mulford explained to commissioners that the Sustainability Commission reports to the Public Works and Utilities commission and should be reporting to them annually. Commissioners were provided with a priorities document to present to the PWU commission meeting in February. Commissioner Schwartz moved to accept the first and second pages of the priorities document presented by Commissioner Mulford, Commissioner Tuhowski seconded, 9-Ayes, 2-abstain (Commissioner Schaefer and Commissioner Decker).

Commissioner Mulford shared website improvements, SWAG item ideas, business card information, and consumer-owned to-go containers and encouraged commissioners to attend Bon Appetit (April 18th) to host a booth for the event and give information to the restaurants attending. A flyer regarding to-go containers was shared with the Commission, as was information regarding a Styrofoam recycling grant that is annually available.

The next meeting of the Sustainability Commission is scheduled for March 5, 2024 @ 6:00pm.

Chicago Logistics Service is willing to provide a truck/bin at our annual recycling event in August.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Earth Day

Commissioners agreed to focus on the CUB Solar Power Hour presentation and Bon Appetit event for Earth Day 2024. Co-chair Christian suggested doing Earth month again with daily posts on Facebook. Commissioner Boshier shared that he will be hosting a litter pickup on Sunday, April 21st. The Commission also shared issues with Groot and would like to add an agenda item regarding Groot contract discussions.

b. Sustainable Practices at Village Events

This agenda item will be discussed at a future Commission meeting.

c. Citizens Utility Board Solar Event

No new updates, this event will take place on April 20th and will serve as part of the Commission's Earth Day activities.

d. Styrofoam recycling

This information was shared under New Business.

e. Build a "Birdhouse"

Mr. Howe is waiting to hear back from the Carpenter's Union and will provide updates at a future meeting. Commissioner Simmons will be replacing Commission Hartsough for this subcommittee.

f. Newsletter topics

Commissioner Conley shared the publication deadlines and asked for volunteers to write articles. Commissioners Tuhowski, Commissioner Boshier, and Commissioner Conley all committed to writing articles for February's eNews.

7. OTHER

8. ADJOURNMENT – at 8:03 PM