

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Regan Room – Village Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 PM)

Members in attendance: Anna Newell, Trustee; Amy Decker; Amy Hartsough; Susan Simmons; Sheila Schwartz; Alfredo Izquierdo

Members absent: Chrissy Christian, Chair; George Tuhowski; Lorraine Leisenberg; Hannelore Conley

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given at this meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 2, 2024

MOTION by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the April 2, 2024 minutes; SECOND by Commissioner Simmons; 6 - 0 AYE.

4. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

a. Call for Co-Chair Volunteers

Mr. Howe made a call for volunteers interested in serving as commission Co-Chair.

b. Additional Updates

Mr. Howe informed the commission that the survey for Village commission chairs has been distributed with responses preferred by Friday, May 10th. Mr. Howe also provided a reminder to commissioners about the June 2nd Environmental Fair; Commissioner Hartsough volunteered to join Co-Chair Christian at the event.

c. Polystyrene Recycling and August Recycling Event

The group discussed polystyrene recycling via Chicago Logistics, a vendor from Dundee that densifies foam; Mount Prospect Public Works' program was also considered. Commissioners explored the option of offering to collect polystyrene at the August recycling event; however, commissioners decided against doing so. Commissioners Decker and Hartsough offered to prepare educational materials for the August 2024 Recycling Extravaganza. Mr. Howe will contact SWANCC for recommendations.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Groot Contract Feedback

Commissioners discussed the relationship between SWANCC, Groot, and the Village. Commissioner Hartsough requested a presentation from SWANCC at a future meeting of

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the commission. Mr. Howe informed commissioners that internal discussions between the Village and Groot are ongoing.

b. Earth Month Recap

i. Social Media posts

Mr. Howe updated commissioners that all posts were made during the month and this effort is considered a success.

ii. Bon Appetit Event

Commissioner Hartsough provided a recap of the Bon Appetit event, including that attendance was good and restaurants were accessible. Commissioners Hartsough and Conley provided information concerning the to-go container guidance recently issued by the State as well as the ongoing programs offered in the Village (composting, textile recycling).

iii. Solar Power Hour

Commissioners agreed that the presentation provided by the Citizens Utility Board at this event was well done and contained useful information. Mr. Howe will post the new recording on the Village website.

c. Battery Recycling Guidance for Residents

Trustee Newell continued a conversation from the previous meeting concerning difficult to recycle batteries such as those in vape pens and iPass transponders. Commissioner Decker provided some insight into the situation from her career in a related industry. Commissioners agreed that SWANCC should provide resources for participating communities and their residents. Mr. Howe will contact SWANCC for any available resources they may have at this time.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Priorities and Annual Calendar Consensus

Commissioners generally discussed continuing to improve the content calendar and communications plan. Mr. Howe continues to review and prepare a status update on Sustainability Plan goals and objectives.

- i. Sustainability Plan
- ii. Content Calendar – Topic Timeline
- iii. Other Considerations

7. OTHER

Commissioner Hartsough requested volunteer authors for upcoming e-News submissions and Citizen articles.

8. ADJOURNMENT (7:01 PM)

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