

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Regan Room – Village Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:02 PM)

Members present: Amy Hartsough; Hannelore Conley; Amy Decker; Anna Newell; Sheila Schwarts (acting Chair)

Members Absent: Chrissy Christian; George Tuhowski; Lorraine Leisenberg; Susan Simmons; Alfredo Izquierdo

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 8, 2024

A quorum was not present. These minutes will be approved at a future meeting of the Commission.

4. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Howe updated commissioners on recent roster changes, including Nancy Schaefer's retirement as a commissioner and Commissioner Christian stepping down as chairperson, both effective immediately. The commission discussed the upcoming 2024 Community Pride Awards and potential plans for a 2024 build-a-birdhouse event.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Call for Commission Chair Volunteers

Mr. Howe reminded commissioners of the open opportunity to serve as Chairperson of the commission. Volunteers are encouraged to contact Mr. Howe separately for consideration.

b. Environmental Fair Recap

Commissioners Conley and Hartsough volunteered to attend this event on behalf of the commission. Their feedback included: positive comments concerning the event overall and attendance; and the generally good level of interest in the commission's educational materials and giveaways.

August Recycling Event Discussion

Commissioner Hartsough proposed handing out remaining print materials at the August recycling event. Commissioners expressed an interest in providing attendees with information on medication disposal and vape pen/iPass transponder batteries at the event as well. Trustee Newell proposed distributing materials to vehicles as they wait in line to check in at the event. Mr. Howe will work with commissioners to prepare handouts.

The next meeting of the Sustainability Commission is scheduled for July 9, 2024 @ 6:00pm.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Groot Contract Feedback

Mr. Howe confirmed with Commissioners that representatives from Groot and SWANCC, along with Assistant Village Manager Pape, will attend the August commission meeting. Feedback previously provided by commissioners has been provided to Groot and discussed during negotiations.

b. Communications and Content Calendar

Commissioners were encouraged to review the content calendar posted to the commission Google Drive and to provide feedback to Mr. Howe.

c. Current Outstanding Initiatives

Commissioners discussed the following outstanding or in-progress initiatives:

Mayor's Monarch Pledge: the Rotary Club is looking for volunteers to assist in general maintenance and preparations of the 630 Illinois Boulevard butterfly garden. Mr. Howe will send event information to the commissioners.

S.B. 2876 – Large Event Facility Recycling: Commissioner Hartsough informed the commission about a state bill passed in spring of 2024 that should have an impact on recycling service offered at the NOW Arena and should be discussed during negotiations with Groot.

Curbside Composting: Commissioners discussed this item as another that should be considered for the upcoming Groot contract as a standard service offering. Mr. Howe will provide commissioners with an update on the number of residents that are currently signed up for the opt-in Collective Resource program.

Other Events to Attend: Commissioner Conley requested information on additional events that commissioners may be able to attend to distribute information and speak with residents. This could include the Northwest Fourth Fest, Summer Sounds on the Green, various Arts Commission events, etc.

d. Sustainability Plan Status Update

This item will be discussed at a future meeting of the commission.

7. OTHER

The cart used to carry materials at events is currently missing.

8. ADJOURNMENT (7:07 PM)