

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Alexa Room – Village Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:01 PM)

Members present: Amy Hartsough, Chairperson; Anna Newell, Village Trustee; Hannelore Conley; Amy Decker

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

Others in Attendance: Ryan Peterson, All Together Crew – Hoffman in Motion; Abigail Rose, All Together Crew – Hoffman in Motion

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 8, 2024, and June 4, 2024

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

4. HOFFMAN IN MOTION PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Mr. Peterson and Ms. Rose provided information pertaining to the Hoffman in Motion initiative and led a discussion among commissioners about connectivity and mobility within the community. Commissioners provided feedback on some of their favorite places to travel within Hoffman Estates and how they get there, as well as some challenges or thoughts on transportation improvements. Commissioners generally agreed that walkability is an issue in a community as large and spread out as Hoffman Estates, particularly with no downtown or central meeting space. Transportation, or a lack of transportation options, in western Hoffman Estates, pedestrian safety and proper use of bicycle lanes, travel as a regional concept instead of a municipal one, reducing carbon emissions, noise reduction, and the availability of alternative modes of transportation like e-bikes and scooters were also discussed.

5. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Howe informed commissioners that Commissioner Hartsough has been formally appointed as the newest Chairperson while sharing appreciation for the work that Commissioner Christian has done as Chair. Mr. Howe also notified commissioners of the recent reduction in commission seats from 15 to 11 by the Village Board.

Mr. Howe provided commissioners with a reminder of the August 1st Mayor's Monarch Pledge event, located at 640 Illinois Boulevard in the butterfly garden and beginning at 10:00am, as well as the 2024 Community Pride Awards. Commissioners were encouraged to log into the shared Google Drive for file access and to see results of the recent Sustainable Practices survey sent to other Village commissions.

6. NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. August Recycling Event Handouts/Materials – Saturday, 8.24.24; 9:00AM – 12:00PM @ Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road

Chairperson Hartsough will work with Mr. Howe and other interested commissioners to prepare handout materials to be given to residents that attend the event.

- b. Commission Budget Introduction

Mr. Howe briefly introduced the Village budgeting process and a history of the Sustainability Commission's budget. Additional discussion of this item will occur at the August 2024 meeting of the commission.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. OTHER

- a. Retirement Fair

Commission Schwartz assists with the annual Retirement Fair event through Roosevelt University; organizations and schools provide information for individuals who have recently retired or are considering retirement on what opportunities are available to them in their community. Tables are no longer available, but the commission may choose to prepare a flyer to hand out.

- b. Mr. Howe provided a reminder that GROOT and SWANCC will be in attendance in August to provide information and answer questions.

- c. Commissioners briefly discussed options that are available to residents to properly dispose of medications, including the Hoffman Estates Walgreens, the Schaumburg Township Building, and the Hoffman Estates Police Department.

9. ADJOURNMENT (7:40 PM)