

1 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
2 Wednesday, August 19, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.
3 REMOTE ACCESS MEETING

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5 MEETING MINUTES

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7 ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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9 Chairman Melanie Rummel called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Aldermen
10 Jed Morris and Jim Preschlack were present.

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12 Staff in attendance included Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager; Robert Ells,
13 Superintendent of Engineering; Joe Gabanski, Assistant Director of Innovation
14 and Technology and Michael Thomas, Director of Public Works.

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16 Also in attendance was Mike Stopka, Consultant and Crystal Egelkamp,
17 Consultant.

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19 There were approximately 8 members of the public that attended the meeting
20 remotely.

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22 Chairman Rummel made the following statement as required by the Open
23 Meetings Act. In accordance with state statute, Chairman Rummel has made a
24 determination that it was not practical or prudent to schedule an in-person
25 Committee meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why this
26 August 19, 2020 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is being held
27 remotely.

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29 ACTION ITEMS

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31 I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JULY 7, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

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33 Alderman Preschlack moved to approve the July 7, 2020
34 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting minutes. Alderman
35 Morris seconded the motion. The following voted "Aye": Chairman
36 Rummel, Alderman Morris and Preschlack. The following voted "Nay":
37 None. 3-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

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39 DISCUSSION ITEMS

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41 I. SUSTAINABILITY VALUES & DECISION MAKING PRESENTATION –
42 MIKE STOPKA

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44 Chairman Rummel introduced Mike Stopka to present on the second
45 phase of the work they have conducted to improve environmental
46 sustainability in the community. Mike Stopka briefly explained the
47 differences between phase one and phase two and how the second
48 phase will help build on the best practices for the City. He continued

49 to explain how the committee can move forward when
50 recommending initiatives to the appropriate channels, such as the City
51 Council. He stated that the first step was working with the committee
52 to develop a survey to gauge the prioritization process of projects and
53 to better understand the resources the City has allocated for the
54 Committee. They were able to see how the different stakeholders
55 viewed these different initiatives. They asked the people taking the
56 survey to rank eleven different items on the scale from what was most
57 important to least important and the reasons why they saw these as
58 important. Mr. Stopka briefly summarized the results from each group
59 of stakeholders, stating that the majority of the groups overlapped in
60 the prioritization process. He continued to explain what MIST does with
61 the survey results so the committee can understand what specific
62 questions should be asked when evaluating projects and
63 recommending new policies. Mr. Stopka discussed the
64 recommendation from MIST on the questions that the committee
65 needs to ask themselves and the weight for the committee to
66 evaluate.

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68 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any questions on this agenda
69 item.

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71 The Committee had discussion on the survey results presented by MIST
72 as well as adjusting the weight and prioritization of specific
73 sustainability initiatives.

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75 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional comments from
76 the Committee, seeing none she asked if there were any questions or
77 comments from the public.

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79 Seeing none, Chairman Rummel moved to the next agenda item.

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81 Chairman Rummel asked Mike Stopka to briefly summarize the next
82 steps for the Committee.

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84 Mike Stopka explained two examples to the Committee, displaying the
85 questions that the Committee would be asking themselves and the
86 community, and how it would improve the overall objective of
87 environmental sustainability in Lake Forest.

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89 Joy Guscott-Mueller offered her comments to the Committee in
90 regard to the purpose and goals of the Sustainability Committee.

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92 **REVIEW OF FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

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94 Chairman Rummel asked if any members of the Committee had any suggestions
95 on items they wanted to discuss at future meetings.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any public comments on any non-agenda items.

Yu Schaback-Kopple offered her comments to the Committee on behalf of Green Minds Lake Forest Lake Bluff. She briefly described the environmental issues on their agenda that they discuss at their monthly meetings, and initiatives they have taken to be environmentally friendly.

Chairman Rummel thanked Yu for her comments as well as the collaboration and initiatives Green Minds has conducted.

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any comments or questions from the Committee

The Committee had discussion on the role of the residents and organizations that impact environmental sustainability in the community.

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional public comments on any non-agenda items.

Seeing none, Chairman Rummel moved to the next agenda item.

NEXT MEETING DATE(S) – SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

There was concurrence among the Committee members to meet the second week of September. Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong, stated that he would send out a poll to gauge the availability of the Committee members prior to setting the next meeting date.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Morris moved to adjourn the meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 7:49 P.M. seconded by Alderman Preschlack. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Layla Werner
Administrative Intern

Reviewed by,

Mike Strong
Assistant City Manager