

1 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
2 **Wednesday, August 18, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**  
3 **Municipal Services, 800 North Field Drive**  
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5 **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**  
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7 Chairman Melanie Rummel called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Aldermen  
8 Jim Preschlack and Eileen Weber were present.  
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10 Staff in attendance included Mike Strong, Assistant City Manager; Jim Lockfeer,  
11 Assistant to the Public Works Director, and Layla Werner, Management Analyst.  
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13 There were no members of the public in attendance.  
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15 **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**  
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17 **I. STATUS REPORT ON FY2022 BUDGET INITIATIVES – Jim Lockfeer,**  
18 **Assistant to the Public Works Director**  
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20 Assistant to the Public Works Director gave a brief update  
21 regarding FY2022 budget initiatives. Mr. Lockfeer provided  
22 background on specific projects including Ringwood road, Old Elm  
23 and Sheridan parking lot enhancements, and the seminary ravine  
24 and storm sewer study, and the Fire Department SUV replacement.,  
25 forest park bluff stabilization design, forest park beach evaluation  
26 and maintenance, natural areas assessment, south park bioswale.  
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28 The Committee had lengthy discussion regarding the capital  
29 improvement plan and how it relates to sustainability. Additionally,  
30 the Committee had discussion on the prioritization of specific  
31 sustainable initiatives.  
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33 The Committee asked clarifying questions regarding the  
34 completion of the various projects presented.  
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36 **II. UPDATE ON MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM MAILINGS – Mike**  
37 **Strong, Assistant City Manage**  
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39 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong provided a verbal update to  
40 the Committee regarding the recent mailings that were sent by MC  
41 squared to Lake Forest residents regarding Electricity Aggregation.  
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43 The Committee asked clarifying questions regarding residents  
44 already engaged in community solar subscriptions.  
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48 **III. RECAP OF NORTH BRANCH CHICAGO RIVER WATERSHED**  
49 **WORKGROUP MEETING – Layla Werner, Management Analyst**

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51 Management Analyst, Layla Werner provided a brief update  
52 regarding the most recent North Branch Watershed Workgroup  
53 meeting. Ms. Werner further explained the topics discussed at the  
54 meeting including nutrient assessment, the Illinois watershed, and  
55 coal tar-based sealants.

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57 The Committee asked clarifying questions regarding usage of coal  
58 tar-based sealants in the City.

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60 **ACTION ITEMS**

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62 **I. APPROVAL OF JUNE 16, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**  
63 Alderman Preschlack moved to approve the June 16, 2021  
64 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting minutes.  
65 Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Motion carried  
66 unanimously by voice vote.

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68 **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

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70 **I. INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**  
71 **COMMUNICATIONS PLAN – Layla Werner, Management Analyst**

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73 Management Analyst, Layla Werner displayed a sustainability  
74 communications plan to the Committee. The draft included the  
75 different forms of communication the City currently uses,  
76 opportunities to expand how the City communicates with residents,  
77 and a draft communications strategy, targeting specific  
78 campaigns.

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80 The Committee had lengthy discussion regarding specific  
81 campaigns and priorities.

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83 **II. UPDATES ON SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES & PRIORITIES – Mike Strong,**  
84 **Assistant City Manager**

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86 Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong presented information on  
87 initiatives and priorities identified by the Committee. His  
88 presentation included solar facilities on municipal buildings,  
89 greenhouse gas emission inventory and the ravine management  
90 program. Mr. Strong provided an in depth analysis of potential  
91 ways to move forward with the mentioned projects, and facilitated  
92 discussion to obtain feedback from the Committee members.

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94 The Committee had lengthy discussion providing direction to staff  
95 to move forward with specific priorities.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

**NEXT MEETING DATE(S)**

The Committee unanimously agreed on holding the next meeting on October 20, 2021. Assistant City Manager, Mike Strong stated he would send out a poll at a later date to set a time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Preschlack moved to adjourn the meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 8:32 P.M. seconded by Weber. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Layla Werner  
Management Analyst

Reviewed by,

Mike Strong  
Assistant City Manager