

1 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**
2 **Monday, September 19, 2022 – 5:15 P.M.**
3 **IN-PERSON MEETING**

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6 **I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

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8 Chairman Melanie Rummel called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M. Aldermen
9 Eileen Weber and Jim Preschlack were present.

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11 Staff in attendance included Jim Lockfeer, Assistant to the Director of Public
12 Works and Reagan Walsh, Management Analyst.

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14 **II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (:05 – :15 per item)**

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16 **a. FOOD CYCLER AT-HOME COMPOSTING UNIT PRESENTATION – Alex**
17 Hayman, VP Business Development

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19 Alex Hayman, Vice President of Business Development at FoodCycler
20 Municipal Solutions attended the meeting virtually to present preliminary
21 information on the FoodCycler product and their pilot municipal program.
22 Based on FoodCycler's current partnerships with municipalities, Lake
23 Forest demographics, and general counsel, the presentation described in
24 detail how both the product and pilot program would work and operate
25 in Lake Forest. Included in this information was accompanying financial,
26 social, and environmental impacts for the City of Lake Forest. The
27 presentation concluded with an estimated ROI (return on investment)
28 analysis.

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30 After a lengthy discussion, the Committee had several questions for the
31 consultant, including what specific communities have implemented a
32 pilot project as presented, credibility of both the product and company,
33 functionality of the return-on-investment model, environmental impact
34 returns, and other financial cost that the city could potentially incur.

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36 The Committee thanked Alex for attending and requested internal staff
37 review the return-on-investment model for accuracy and potential project
38 outcomes to be presented at the next Committee meeting. The
39 Committee ended the discussion with positive notes about the product
40 but emphasized the financial and environmental impacts must align to
41 consider moving forward with the project.

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43 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional questions or
44 comments from members of the public.

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46 Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

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49 **III. ACTION ITEMS (:10 - :15 per item)**

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51 **a. APPROVAL OF JULY 12, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

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53 Chairman Rummel moved to approve the July 12, 2022, Environmental
54 Sustainability Committee meeting minutes. Alderman Weber seconded
55 the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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57 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional questions or
58 comments from members of the public.

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60 Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

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63 **IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS (:15 - :20 per item)**

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65 **a. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT – Reagan Walsh,**
66 **Management Analyst**

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68 A Community Garden Program Update was presented to the Committee
69 by both staff members present. The update gave insight into what work
70 has been conducted in preparation for a potential community garden, in
71 addition to outlining the strong alignment with the city's strategic and
72 sustainability plan. Preliminary garden details were also presented,
73 including location, acreage, financial structure, garden design, and
74 funding opportunities. The presentation concluded with a timeline of the
75 entire project, emphasizing that community feedback and
76 design/engineering work would be coming in the pending months to
77 decipher the project's overall viability.

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79 The Committee shared a collective interest for the project, with emphasis
80 on collaborating with the many potential community partners that could
81 assist in the preparation, operation, and promotion of the project.
82 Additional insight was given on possible funding avenues and the
83 importance of community feedback throughout the process. The
84 discussion ended with the Committee thanking the presenters, with the
85 notion that more project updates would be given at the next Committee
86 meeting.

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88 Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional questions or
89 comments from members of the public.

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91 Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

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94 **V. ADDITIONAL ITEMS (Packet Material Only)**

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**a. STATUS REPORT ON SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES & PRIORITIES - Jim
Lockefeer, Assistant to the Director of Public Works**

Jim Lockefeer, Assistant to the Director of Public Works, provided an update on the 2022-2023 Work Plan attached in the meeting packet. Included in the Work Plan are initiatives currently being undertaken by the Committee and upcoming projects slated for the next quarters.

Chairman Rummel asked if there were any additional questions or comments from members of the public.

Seeing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

VI. 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.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee confirmed the next meeting date for October 19, 2022, at 5:30PM located at Lake Forest City Hall.

Chairman Rummel moved to adjourn the meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 7:03 P.M. seconded by Alderman Preschlack. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reagan Walsh
Management Analyst