



VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday Feb 13, 2018 – 7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the River Forest Sustainability Commission was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was conducted in the Community Room at the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Ave. River Forest.

1. Roll call and call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present at this meeting were Commissioner K Brennan, Commissioner E Simon, Commissioner MS Chen, Commissioner S Crothers, and Commissioner M Masella. (Commissioner B Cheng arrived at 7:07 after roll call) Absent Commissioner J Moller.

2. Public comment - None

3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from the 1/9/18. Sustainability Commission Meeting minutes approved as read.

3.a Housekeeping: Commissioner Brennan reports standing commissioner reports are missing. Minutes re to be emailed to John Anderson 1 week before next meeting. Items added to agenda send to Commissioner Katie Brennan.

3.b Report on Commissioner activity:

K Brennan - Mayor's Committee Meeting in Homer Glen. Good news is RF is ahead of many municipalities in attendance. Therefore we won't be getting guidance from this group. They are tracking metrics to meet goals; however different municipalities have signed onto different goals.

Sue Crothers and Eric Simon - FEJA will not be getting Federal support. Caucus has been leaning on energy. Our village gets electric free from Com Ed - taxpayers pay for it. Eric Simon and John Anderson will work on the math. John will follow up w Eric Palm on Nicor agreement for Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

Katie Brennan - attended Association of Climate Change: round table of public and private sectors. Head of sustainability of Baxter Intl., Art Institute, Field Museum, Mindy Agnew OP, PlanIt Green. Commissioners from Evanston, Downers Grove, Advocate, Exelon, Com Ed, CBRE, Chicago Council of Global Affairs.

No better time for renewables than now.

Katie Brennan and Julie Moller attended a book party Drinking Water 123: a guide for Katie presented a copy of the book to John Anderson.

Katie Brennan attended Resilient Communities Forum - RF Pres Cathy Adducci gave amazing speech, rallying cry. RF goal to divert 50% of waste. Need 62 more people to sign up for curbside composting. Kudos for Beekeeping ordinance.

Katie Brennan - 2nd annual women's march.
Com Ed energy efficiency assessments are a free service, takes 3 hours. We will publicize this at library event.

Katie Brennan was interviewed by Houseal/Levine re: village comprehensive plan. Essential to have environmental initiatives to attract millennials.

KB and Commissioner Moller had a phone meeting with solar consultant Casey Shep MicroGrid Energy.

Upcoming PlanItGreen meeting on 2/20 - Commissioner Masella will possibly attend.

Commissioner Cheng attended meeting on RF school Sustainability Week.

Commissioner Crothers - invited by Park District to review Integrated Pest Management.

Also invited Midwest Pesticide Action and Jeff Swano.
Presented on a panel at Lawns Forum in Highland Park.

Commissioner Masella

- a. met w Commissioner Moller re: Lake & River plot, front of Village Hall, and at pumping station.
- b. Women in Green at The Plant Co-op businesses that take each other's waste
- c. Started contacting landscapers re: IPM. Will get quotes and put on website.

4. Report on SC Presentation of goals at VBOT Meeting on 1/22/18: Pres Adduci thanked our commission and states what we "get done w a \$5000 budget - I'm in awe."

5. Report from Resilient Communities Forum 1/31/18 Commissioner Masella 150 attendees. Pres Adduci highlighted solar & bike path. Commissioner Brenna met a man w bike trail plans - Commissioner Crothers states Frank Paris has the plans.

6. Library Forums:

- a. 3/18 cooperative w Library and Township - Dr Richard Treptow
- b. 4/8 Meet your Sustainability Commissioners
- c. Beth will communicate w Library re: promotion

7. OEFF - 115 submissions from across country, 2 winners at college level. Roosevelt student is Middle School winner. "Plastic is not fantastic" Andrew Edwards - will be

honored by Village Pres Adduci at 3/12 Vlg Mtg. We have invited Vlg Pres & Trustees to view movies, and to opening gala. Please attend esp RF films.

8. Roosevelt Middle School Sustainability Week: Commissioner Cheng is working with Anna Daily to expand from last year's event. Week of 5/22-31. Research, learning, service, presentation. Possibly collaborate with Dominican U Ellen McManus re: bees.

9. Park District Artificial Turf: Commissioner Brennan sent an email to all Sustainability Commissioners, Mike Sletten states PDB is wrapping up site tours. SC would like to know what product they are considering. Commissioner Brennan will reach out to Pete Kuzmich to share info we have collected, and whether they would consider public opinion on this issue.

10. David Murphy presented Deep Roots Project: a finalist in Big Idea. Commissioner Crothers has been speaking to Dave. He would like to offer workshops in RF, possibly at Library, at Green Block Parties, offer 6 front yard edible gardens in RF.

11. Chemical Permits for Lawn Care Providers. Commissioner Masella and John Anderson - the village does not enforce regulations. Licenses are required to apply chemicals via dept Agriculture.

John Anderson will add questions on form: Do you have a chemical application from state of IL? What is registration #.

Commissioner Masella states that an individual is licensed, not the company. Commissioner Moller sent a list of permitted lawn care providers.

12. Native Plantings - are being selected by Commissioner Masella

13. Com Ed Grant - Commissioner Simon is meeting on Friday.


14 Survey - Commissioners Cheng and Chen have met to write. Sending on via Village Survey Monkey. Commissioner Cheng would like to get the new Commission info on the website. Do other community groups have email lists?

15 Next Meeting Tuesday March 13th 7 PM Village Hall

16 Adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted:

Signature Line



John Anderson, Secretary