

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022**

A special meeting of the Village of River Forest Sustainability Commission was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:03p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairperson Simon, Commissioners Charrette, Cheng, Veazie, McLean, Roberts, Clancy, Student Commissioner Meyer
Absent: Student Commissioner Raidt
Also Present: Management Analyst Sara Phyfer

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Lauber, 7215 Oak. Mr. Lauber suggested amendments to the ordinance language. He also stated he had conversations with the McDonald’s franchisee about the amendments.

3. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Cheng made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Charrette, to approve the May 10, 2022 meeting minutes.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Chairperson Simon, Commissioners Charrette, Cheng, Veazie, McLean, Roberts, Clancy
Absent: None
Nays: None
Motion Passes.

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Village Administrator Brian Murphy introduced himself and stated he was attending due to Ms. Phyfer’s resignation. Ms. Phyfer stated she accepted a position with the Village of Wilmette.

Student Commissioner Meyer stated she has free time and could take on a project. She also announced she is attending Denison University in the fall.

Commissioner Roberts reported on conversations she had had regarding the greenhouse gas inventory and stated she has started working on the 2021 data.

Commissioner Cheng noted a draft page of the Commission's website had started.

Commissioner Veazie stated he would be happy to work with SolSmart on the designation process.

Commissioner Clancy stated she attends a lot of conferences about transportation and noted she would be sharing what she learns.

Commissioner McClean stated they could discuss Healthy Lawn Healthy Family at a future meeting. She also shared her personal experience with "No Mow May."

Commissioner Charrette reported she attended a PlanItGreen meeting. She noted today was the first household hazardous waste and e-waste collections, with another scheduled for October.

Chairperson Simon reported he attended the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Energy Subcommittee meeting on utility energy efficiency programs.

Ms. Phyfer stated the Commission is not able to pursue a heritage tree ordinance at this time but that the Commission could do an educational piece about proper tree care. She stated she mailed out letters to landscapers regarding proper mulching. She also provided an update about the aggregation program, noting it could be extended for two more years but that only the Renewable Energy Certificates could be purchased and there would be no civic contribution. Ms. Phyfer also reported the Zoning Board of Appeals continued their discussion of the solar panel text amendment to their July 14 meeting.

5. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING DRIVE-THROUGH EXCEPTION IN SINGLE-USE FOODWARE IN PLACES OF EATING ORDINANCE

Ms. Phyfer stated Staff was advised today that McDonald's was unable to attend the meeting.

The Commission discussed this item along with Mr. Lauber's suggestions. Chairperson Simon shared the safety and logistical concerns McDonald's had expressed during their meeting with Staff. The Commission came to a consensus that it was not overly burdensome for McDonald's to have their drive-through employees ask customers if they wanted single-use foodware items with their orders.

Ms. Phyfer stated she would summarize the discussion for the Village Board of Trustees.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING EV CHARGING STATION VILLAGE-WIDE STUDY

Ms. Phyfer stated staff is preparing a request for proposals to identify viable locations for future charging stations throughout the Village. She asked the Commission for any input they had or any specific considerations to include in the RFP.

The Commission discussed this item and had the following recommendations:

- Make sure the charging cords are long enough for all types of vehicles/compatible with widest amount of vehicles, and stations are not just for passenger vehicles
- Gauge of anticipated demand/use and how it is going to grow; think about demand, then location
- Types of options for different charging stations (speed, level)
- Stations should near be places to go
- Scope of study should not just be limited to locations and types of chargers; education on demand for private user and action plan for Village and Village's EV use; what is vision/strategy for Village, what Village should be doing
- Project what residents are using; choose charging station types/usage based on projection
- Do we charge fee or not, how much
- What is the demand, what does the marketplace want
- Get institutional, residential and organizational perspective
- Get a handle on what ComEd is doing – their transformers are not ready for charging stations in people's homes; utility/infrastructure planning
- Detailed capacity planning
- What partners the Village needs to implement the network
- What kind of technology is used to manage taking energy from the grid

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING HEALTHY LAWN, HEALTHY FAMILY PROGRAM

This item was not discussed.

8. COMPOST PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Phyfer provided an update on the composting program subscribers.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

The Commission discussed the communications calendar and content options.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – JULY 12, 2022

The Commission reached a consensus to hold its next meeting Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McLean made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Veazie, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Chairperson Simon, Commissioners Charrette, Cheng, Veazie, McLean,
Roberts, Clancy

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Sara Phyfer, Secretary