

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Sustainability Commission was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Present: Chairperson Simon, Commissioners Charrette, Cheng, Veazie (attending virtually until 8:00 PM), and Student Commissioner Raidt (attending virtually)
Absent: Commissioner Roberts
Also Present: Management Analyst Seth Jansen

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Cheng made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Charrette to approve the October 11, 2022 meeting minutes.

Roll Call:

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

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Charrette attended recent PlanIt Green meeting. Discussed the Village of Oak Park's recently published Sustainability Plan and that the Village of Oak Park is working on their own single-use plastic ordinance.

Commissioner Veazie had no updates to report

Student Commissioner Raidt provided an update on the Oak Park and River Forest High School Environmental Club and continued coordination to host a roundtable meeting. Commissioner Cheng provided feedback and suggested having the meeting in early 2023. Chairperson Simon sent Student Commissioner Raidt the application for the vacant student commissioner position and asked that she share it with the Environmental Club

Chairperson Simon attended the Interfaith Green Network annual breakfast, which was held virtually this year. Discussed the Village of Oak Park's sustainability plan and the process to development plan. The Commissioners also discussed the Chicago Metropolitan Agency on Planning's Greenhouse Gas Report.

Mr. Jansen provided an update that the Sol Smart Silver plaque is being delivered.

Commissioner Cheng asked what the Village of Oak Park's main action items are in their report. Chairperson Simon noted the comprehensiveness and complexity of the report and how it will be executed. The Commissioners discussed updates from the recent Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and recent and pending state-level recycling initiatives.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Cheng provided an update on the web page draft introduction, and the Commissioners discussed potential layout for the webpage. The Commission discussed focusing on providing information specific to River Forest and providing links to more general information. The Commissioners recommended having shorter bullet point sentences, rather than longer paragraphs.

Chairperson Simon outlined e-newsletter process going forward with a rotating monthly lead and involving new commissioners in process once vacant seats are filled. The Commissioners developed and assigned topics for each weekly letter in the coming month, as well as the topic of the December monthly newsletter. The Commissioners discussed the election sign recycling program.

6. GREEN DINING INITIATIVE

Commissioner Charrette discussed the Green Dining Initiative from the Take Out 25 nonprofit, looking to develop sustainable practices for local restaurants, and wished to make the Commission aware of the initiative and ways to become involved as it is developed. The Commissioners discussed how the single-use plastic ordinance may relate to the initiative.

7. ELECTRIC VEHICLE READINESS

Mr. Jansen provided a status of the pending Electric Vehicle Readiness Study and anticipates the Village Board of Trustees to approve the contract in the coming month. Mr. Jansen also discussed the launch of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Electric Vehicle Readiness Program. The Program is creating two cohorts to provide assistance to local governments. Because the 2nd cohort commences in summer of 2023, in line with the anticipated completion of the Village's Electric Vehicle Readiness Study, the Village intends to apply to join the 2nd cohort. The Commissioners inquired about the usage of the existing Village-owned charging station. Mr. Jansen outlined potential future grant opportunities for installation of electric vehicle charging stations.

8. HHW COLLECTION

Commissioner Cheng discussed her experience with the Household Hazardous Waste collection process and the materials provided. The Commissioners discussed ways to improve upon the process moving forward. The Commissioners discussed having an annual review with LRS to provide feedback on various waste, compost, and recycling initiatives.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

The Commissioners had no other business to discuss.

10. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 2022

The Commission reached a consensus to hold its next meeting Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cheng made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Charrette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Chairperson Simon, Commissioners Charrette, Cheng

Absent: Commissioners Roberts, Veazie

Nays: None

Motion Passes.



Seth Jansen, Secretary

