



VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 – 7:00 PM
Village Hall – 400 Park Ave., River Forest, IL

You may submit your written public comments via email in advance of the meeting to: sjansen@vrf.us
You may listen to the meeting by participating in a Zoom conference call as follows: dial-in number: 312-626-6799 with meeting ID: 816 4491 8569 or by clicking [here](#). If you would like to speak during public comment, please email sjansen@vrf.us by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes for May 16th, 2023, and June 13th, 2023
4. Commissioner Reports
 - a. New Commissioner Introductions
 - b. Goals and Initiatives/Strategic Plan Update
5. Proposed Polystyrene Ordinance
6. Communications
7. Other Business
 - a. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Network Study
8. Schedule Next Meeting – August 8, 2023
9. Adjournment

VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
Monthly Reporting



SERVICES

	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	
# COMPOST SUBSCRIBERS	490	494	495	509	513								
# OF STICKERS SOLD	0	1,500	500	1,000	5,000								

COLLECTION STATS

	Jan-23*	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	YTD totals
Waste Tons	187.97	150.05	145.06	133.06	213.04								829.18
Recycling Tons	102.1	71.95	73.35	68.45	87.11								402.96
YW and Compost Tons	12	12.54	8.25	29.64	46.7								109.13
E-waste Event Tons	NA	NA	2.19	NA	N/A	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA	
HHW Event Tons	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA		NA	NA	
Total Tons	302.07	234.54	226.66	231.15	346.85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1341.27

Processing Facilities	Name & Location
Yard Waste Facility	LRS MAYWOOD TRANSFER STATION (1201 Greenwood Ave, Maywood, IL 60153)
Recycling Facility	LRS MAYWOOD TRANSFER STATION (1201 Greenwood Ave, Maywood, IL 60153), LRS
RECYCLING PURCHASED BY	RESOURCED TO VARIOUS DOMESTIC BUYERS
Trash Facility	LRS MAYWOOD TRANSFER STATION (1201 Greenwood Ave, Maywood, IL 60153)



Assure Station Metrics Monthly Reporting

Village of River Forest IL - Monthly Report - May 2023

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153681

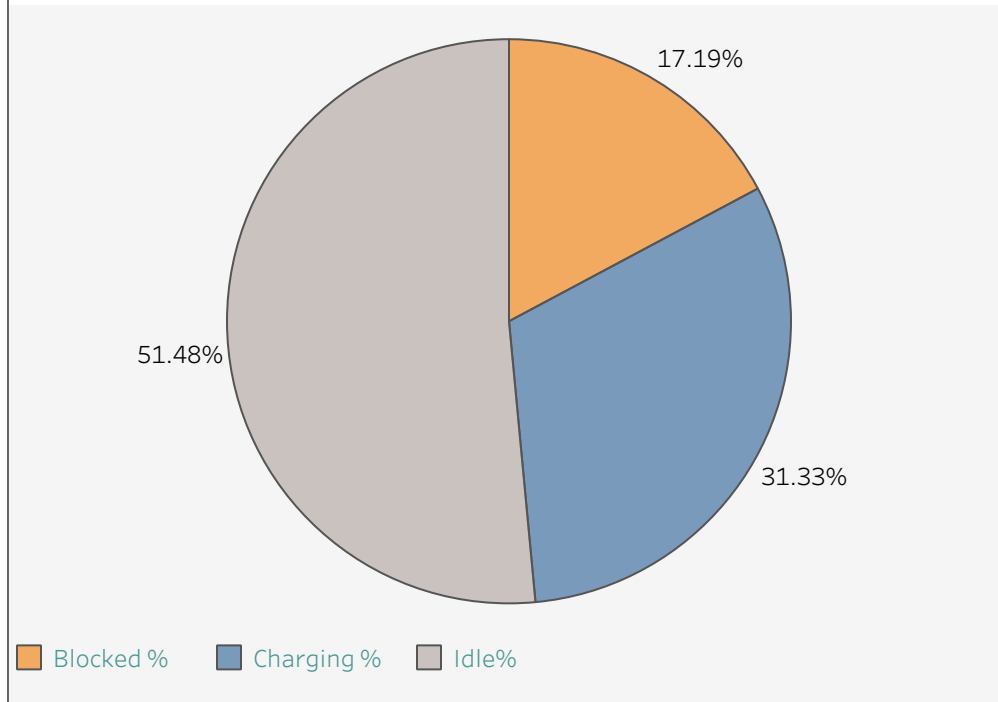
Port Level
All

Organization Name
All

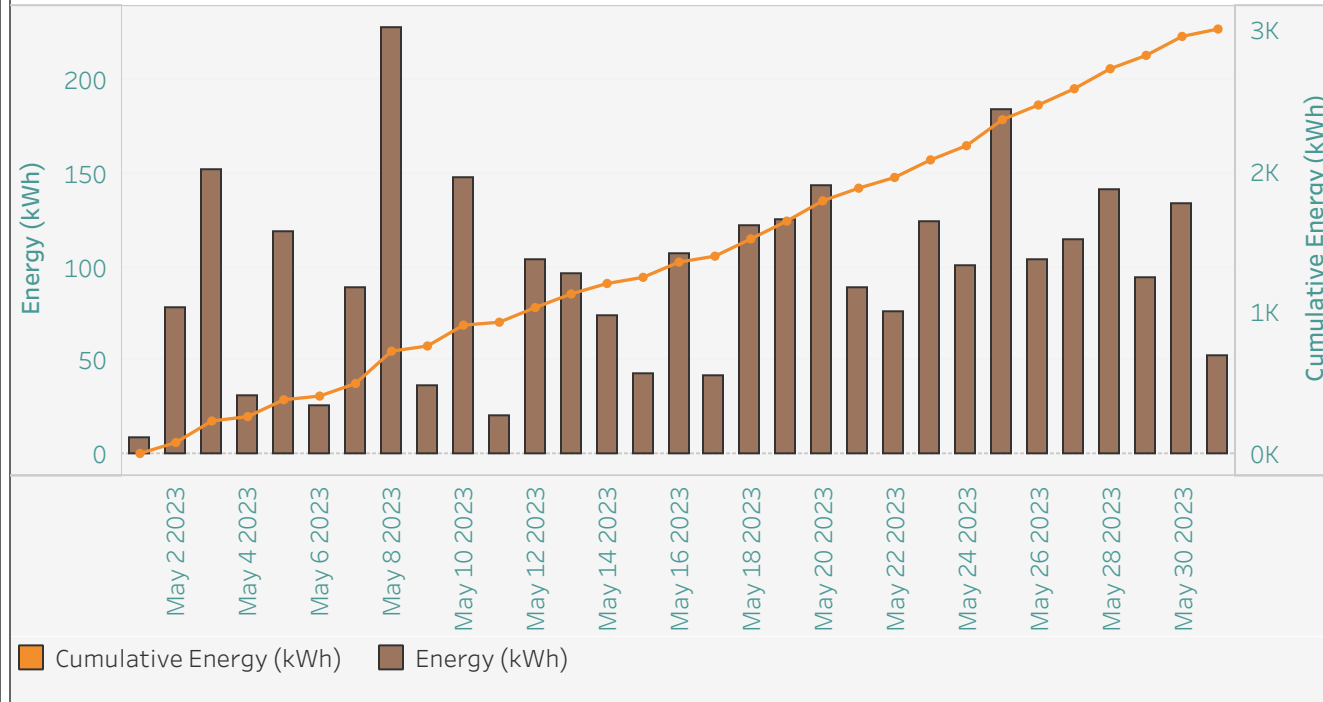
Month End Date
5/31/2023

Port Count	Station Count	Total Revenue (\$)	Energy (kWh)	GHG Savings (kg)	Gasoline Saved (Gal)	Unique Driver	Chargepoint Response SLA	Session Count
2	1	0	3,007	1,263	377	31	100.00%	149

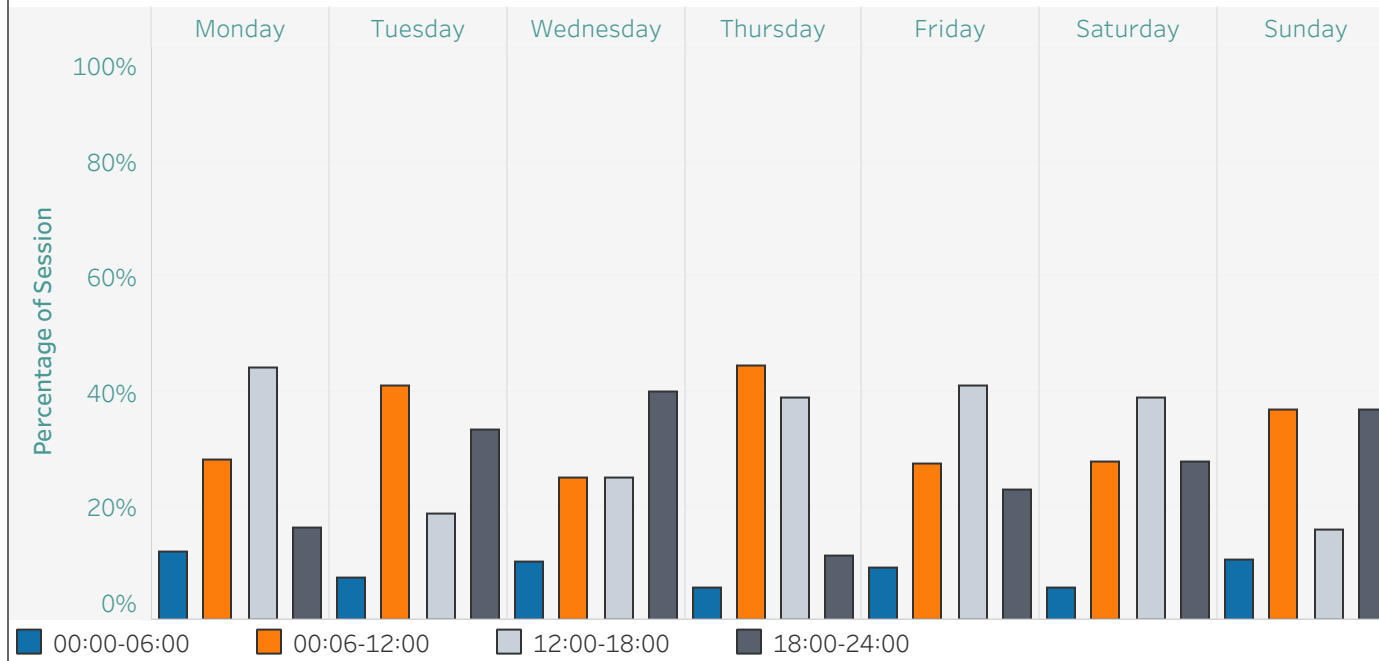
Port Utilization: 24 Hours



Energy Dispensed (kWh) by Day



Session Starts by Time of Day Month



Average Session Duration (Hours)	4.85
Average Session Charge Time (Hours)	3.13
Average Session Energy (kWh)	20.18
Average Session Revenue (\$)	0.00
Occupied Hours	721.9
Charging Hours	466.1
Service Tickets	0.0



Assure Station Metrics Reporting Appendix

Port Utilization Chart: This is a view of station utilization during common business hours.

You can use this information to determine if updates need to be made to pricing / access policies or if stations should be added.

Session Start Distribution Chart: This is a view (by day) of what times drivers start sessions.

You can use this information to fine tune time of day pricing policy rules.

Station / Port Count: In order to be counted, a station must have the "Assure" entitlement applied.

This is the number of stations / ports that currently have the "Assure" entitlement.

Total Revenue: This is the sum of session fees generated by your "Assure" stations minus the ChargePoint service fee (10%).

This is based on session dates (not transaction date which may differ). Your Flex Billing reports should be used for financial reporting.

Energy (kWh): All energy dispensed through your "Assure" stations.

This data point can be useful in reconciling station energy against energy bills.

GHG Savings (kg): All the green house gasses (95% CO2) that would have been released had the miles provided by your stations come from gasoline.

This data point can be useful in sustainability reporting.

Unique Drivers: The number of unique drivers that used your stations this month (a driver would be counted only once even if they used different RFID cards).

An understanding of the number of unique drivers visiting may be useful in creating station messaging / video ads.

Gasoline (Gal) Saved: All the gasoline that would have been burned had the miles provided by your stations come from gasoline.

This data point can be useful in sustainability reporting.

ChargePoint Response SL: Percentage of tickets to which ChargePoint responded within Service Level (1 business day).

ChargePoint holds itself accountable to our Service Level commitment.

Uptime: Percentage of time that your ports were capable of dispensing power.

ChargePoint is committed to keeping your ports dispensing power 98% of the time or better.

Sessions: Total session count.

An understanding of the number of times your stations authorize a session can be useful creating station messaging / video ads.

Average Session Duration: Average amount of time drivers occupy your stations.

This data point can be useful in fine tuning length of stay pricing policy rules.

Average Charging Time: Average amount of time per session energy is flowing.

This data point can be useful in fine tuning length of stay pricing policy rules.

Average Session Energy: Average amount of energy dispensed.

This data point can be useful in fine tuning price per kW pricing policy rules.

Average Session Revenue: Average session fee - 10%.

This data point can be useful in fine tuning minimum & maximum values for pricing policy rules.

Total Hours Occupied: Sum of all session durations.

This is used in part to determine utilization.

Total Hours Charging: Sum of all session charging durations.

This is used in part to determine utilization.

New Service Tickets: Count of trouble tickets tracking issues with a "Assure" station created this month.

This will help in keeping track of station fault issues raised with ChargePoint Support.

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Sustainability Commission was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 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 7:03 PM. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairperson Simon (arriving a 7:31) Commissioners Charrette, Cheng, Lennon, Roberts, Veazie, and Student Commissioner Stierwalt.
Absent: Student Commissioners Raidt
Also Present: Management Analyst Seth Jansen

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Charrette spoke at the Township’s Monday Coffee at the Library and discussed the Solar for All program, which offers income-qualified community solar with a total reduction of 50%.

No other Commissioners had reports.

4. 2023 COMMISSION INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Commissioner Charrette provided history on sustainability plans for the Village, including the PlanItGreen Sustainability Plans that started in 2011. Commissioner Charrette noted that, while the PlanItGreen plan was a 10 year plan, they had goals that extended beyond that timeframe and suggested it could serve as a potential starting place. Commissioner Charrette also provided a brief overview of the 2020 Sustainability Commission Plan, which had many programs outlined, could serve as another starting place. Commissioner Charrette highlighted the grades given in the 2019 PlanItGreen report and suggested those that did not already have high marks could be the topics to focus on as a commission.

Commissioner Roberts provided a brief overview of the Greenhouse Gas Inventory that she put together in 2021 and suggested focusing on the top 5 or 10 goals for things that need to improve and identify actions to take to reach those goals.

Commissioner Cheng stated that the first plan when the Commission began in 2017 outlined six areas of focus: energy, transportation, water, waste, green ecosystems, and education and

that those main categories largely align with the PlanItGreen topics. Commissioner Cheng also suggested focusing on a few items where the Commission can have the biggest impact.

The Commission discussed how to tie objectives back to the most recent Village Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Veazie also referenced the charter/mission statement for the Sustainability Commission and making sure the focus relates back to that. Mr. Jansen also outlined the topics that Trustee Gillis had suggested to Chair Simon and Mr. Jansen for the Commission to focus on.

Commissioner Lennon asked to what end the Commission is pursuing programs or focuses and figuring out what actions the Village and the Commission can actually take to accomplish those goals. Commissioner Lennon suggested the approach of the Commission be to first decide where to focus, then identify a small number of actions the board can take within those focuses, and then establish a measure to monitor the outcomes and effectiveness of those actions. Commissioner Lennon suggested a focus on greenhouse gas emissions and possibly one other item of focus and then identify no more than five actions the Commission can take.

Commissioner Roberts also suggested a focus on preparedness and resiliency of the impacts of climate change as the other goal for the Commission, though she indicated the Village may have a broader strategy with regard to preparedness for flooding and similar issues. The Commission discussed what steps the Village has already taken to address these issues and suggested the Commission highlight such actions.

Commissioner Cheng suggested the other goal be increasing participation and engagement of residents and entities in the Village. Commissioner Cheng said such a goal could be used to highlight various events and programs in the Village but could still focus on the substantive areas of waste and energy. Commissioner Cheng suggested this goal could be measured through number or percentage of residents participating in certain programs or in any sustainability program.

Commissioner Charrette said she wants to goals to have a metric and that the Commissioner measure the progress being made, even if the goal is not met. Commissioner Cheng also noted that many issues relating to greenhouse gas emissions are also influenced by things at a much larger scale, including state and federal policies. Commissioner Veazie stated that, while progress will be made because of larger state and federal policies, the Commission could focus on making adoption of new programs and technologies easier locally. Commissioner Veazie specifically cited electrification and SolSmart as examples of what the Commission and the Village can do. Commissioner Lennon suggested the biggest opportunities and resources for the Commission are through the Commission's communications. Commissioner Lennon suggested tying communications to the focuses or goals of the Commission and noted that some items may not be measurable in that regard. Commissioner Lennon suggested that communication can be used to aid the community to help inform residents on broader goals such as reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and waste. The Commission discussed ways to communicate and highlight things like electrical

vehicle ownership in the Village to encourage greater uptake. Commissioner Veazie suggested each Commissioner have ownership of a specific item within the goals.

Commissioner Cheng stated she'd like communication to be more of a two-way engagement or outreach with communication just being one component of it. The Commission transitioned into a broader discussion on the various topics which the Commission covers and to potentially create tiers of priorities. The Commissioners noted that various programs, particularly those focusing on green ecosystems, can continue on their own, and the Commission can instead focus its collective energy on things that are not working as well during the monthly meetings.

Chairperson Simon suggested walking through the priority categories and reviewing some specific items within specific items. Commissioner Cheng suggested the Commission develop a one-pager that outlines the high-level goals of the Commission and from there potentially develop a more comprehensive workplan.

Commissioner Roberts provided a more detailed overview of how her greenhouse gas emissions inventory compares to the CMAP greenhouse gas emissions inventory. She noted that CMAP had great calculation approaches and data for electricity use, natural gas use, and passenger vehicle use. Commissioner Roberts did note their waste calculations were based on regional modeling rather than direct local data, so locally available information serves as a better resource. Additionally, Commissioner Roberts noted that CMAP did not count for the carbon offsets created by forest land, which her Village inventory did take into account. The Commission further discussed how the CMAP data can be used to compare local greenhouse gas emissions to other communities and to the county overall. Commissioner Roberts further outlined her updated data for keeping up with the greenhouse gas inventory. The Commission further discussed how to continue to track locally available data and information.

The Commission discussed strategies to engage other stakeholders within the Village and how engagement can relate to the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Commissioner Lennon noted that the engagement component is not separate from the other goals but instead runs across all other goals and focuses. The Commission discussed the best ways to break the list into buckets by topic and figuring out a way to go through each item to determine which ones would be the highest priority items and biggest impact on the respective goal. The Commission decided that the respective focus buckets would be greenhouse gas emissions and engagement/outreach as the tier 1 priority buckets with others being resiliency, nature, waste, and water. Commissioner Veazie stated that each action item needs to be reviewed to determine if there is an engagement component within that specific item. Commissioner Charrette suggested including a time component to note which items can be done immediately and which require several smaller incremental steps. Commissioner Roberts also noted the Commission should identify items that can be handed over to the Village to be incorporated into standard operations. The Commission suggested reviewing items within a few of the buckets at subsequent meetings and think of ideas for what can be established as the top few priorities within the respective focus areas, such as greenhouse gas emissions or waste. Commissioner Roberts framed the issue as identifying

what topics the Commission needs to lean into versus what the Commission just needs to continue managing. Chairperson Simon suggested dedicating a portion of each upcoming meeting to continue to work on planning out goals and initiatives.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – JUNE 13, 2023

The Commission reached a consensus to hold its next meeting Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Charrette made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Chairperson Simon, Commissioners Charrette, Cheng, Lennon, Roberts, and Veazie

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Seth Jansen, Secretary

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Sustainability Commission was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 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 7:02 PM. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairperson Simon, Commissioners Charrette, Cheng, Lennon, and Student Commissioner Stierwalt.

Absent: Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Veazie, and Student Commissioners Raidt.

Also Present: Management Analyst Seth Jansen

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Cheng made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to approve the meeting minutes from April 11, 2023.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Chairperson Simon, Commissioners Charrette, Cheng, and Lennon

Absent: Commissioner Roberts and Veazie

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chairperson Simon discussed the upcoming GreenTown Conference at Triton College on June 22nd, and the Commissioners discussed who would be able to attend the event and what topics were part of the program.

Commissioner Charrette noted that the community garden is up and running for the year and wanted to raise the issue of garden enclosures and suggested the possibility of using a larger enclosure rather than enclosures for each garden plot. Commissioner Charrette noted an upcoming town hall meeting for Sen. Harmon. Commissioner Charrette also provided an overview of a New York pilot program which has publicly-available, neighborhood compost bins which can only be opened via a phone application to prevent it from being contaminated with trash.

Commissioners Cheng, Lennon, and Student Commissioner Stierwalt had no reports.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Jansen provided overview of recent newsletter topics and solicited input for weekly and monthly newsletter items. Commissioner Cheng had suggested an announcement for the new webpage for the next weekly newsletter and a reminder on the single-use plastic ordinance. The Commission discussed how best to raise awareness of the single-use plastic ordinance. Chairperson Simon indicated he would draft a newsletter for the ordinance. Commissioner Charrette volunteered to write the July monthly newsletter on the benefits of trees. Commissioner Cheng suggested adding a line about the Village tree trail program. Commissioner Charrette also indicated she would also note that the Village is in the process of updating its inventory of parkway trees.

Mr. Jansen also sought input for events to add to the Green Dates and Deadlines page of the Sustainability webpage. Commissioner Charrette said she would sent info relating to pollinator week. Commissioner Cheng inquired if the Village was able to monitor the traffic to the Sustainability webpage and begin to track the use of the webpage.

The Commission discussed the disposal tonnage numbers in the LRS monthly reports. The Commissioners inquired about getting total number of households for the electronic waste and household hazardous waste events.

6. POLYSTYRENE BAN

Chairperson Simon introduced the issue stating that the Commission has been directed to discuss a resolution supporting state-level legislation and a local ordinance. Mr. Jansen indicated that President Adduci indicated her wish for the Village Board to adopt the resolution during the June meeting. President Adduci also indicated she would like input on timeframe for a local ordinance and when such an ordinance should take effect. The Commission discussed how it would be codified in relations to the single-use plastic ordinance, so that businesses can find all the information in one place. Chairperson Simon suggested providing businesses with resources to effectively and inexpensively replace polystyrene. Commissioner Charrette suggested aligning the language as close to Oak Park as possible, removing the provisions specific to home rule communities but otherwise preserving the language. The Commission discussed the need to minimize the burden on small businesses in the community. The Commission asked if a survey could be given to businesses when they are notified of the proposed ordinance. The Commission discussed the timeframe for the adoption of the ordinance.

The Commission discussed the timeframe for adopting the resolution relating to supporting state polystyrene legislation and the drafting process. Commissioner Lennon asked what the alternatives were for businesses for polystyrene, and asked if the Commission was supporting the legislation specifically mandating the use of recyclable and compostable material in place of polystyrene foam. Chairperson Simon raised a concern about supporting

legislation that then may become significantly changed due to an amendment. Commissioner Lennon expressed reservations about legislation that could result in more harmful alternatives. Commissioner Cheng inquired about the impact of the Village passing the resolution, how it will help move the legislation, and who the audience for the resolution is. The Commission discussed the state legislative process and timeframe. Commissioner Cheng stated she wanted to also support and research sustainable alternatives to polystyrene, in addition to supporting the legislation which bans polystyrene. The Commission reached a consensus to adopt a resolution in support of Senate Bill 58, the bill that passed but was limited to state agencies and vendors but explicating mandates the use of recyclable and compostable materials in place of polystyrene foam. The Commission also agreed that, because Senate Bill 58 is still pending the Governor's signature, the resolution could then be presented to the Governor's Office.

Commissioner Charrette made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to instruct staff to draft a resolution in support of Senate Bill 58 and supporting future state efforts to replace the use of polystyrene with compostable and/or recyclable foodware.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Chairperson Simon, Commissioners Charrette, Cheng, and Lennon

Absent: Commissioner Roberts and Veazie

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

7. 2023 COMMISSION INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Mr. Jansen introduced the most recently updated spreadsheet workbook compiling all previous Sustainability goals and initiatives, and specifically introduced the sheet focusing on items relating to greenhouse gas emissions. Commissioner Cheng suggested changing the name of the greenhouse gas section to instead be titled energy, general engagement instead be titled community outreach, and nature instead be titled green ecosystems, to better match the topics on the Sustainability webpage. Commissioner Cheng suggested instead of going through each previous program to instead establish higher level measures of success. Commissioner Charrette suggested focusing on issues that the Commission feels will make the largest impact. Chairperson Simon suggested scoring the various initiatives on level of effort, cost, and impact. Commissioner Cheng suggested developing a one-page document with one or two goals in each focus area with a specified measure of success. Commissioner Charrette and Commissioner Lennon volunteered to meet with Mr. Jansen prior to the next meeting to bring an outline to the Commission for the strategic plan.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING - JULY 11, 2023

The Commission reached a consensus to hold its next meeting Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cheng made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lennon to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Chairperson Simon, Commissioners Charrette, Cheng, and Lennon

Absent: Commissioner Roberts and Veazie

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Seth Jansen, Secretary

River Forest Sustainability Commission

- Strategy Road Map Proposal Presentation -

(Charrette/Jansen/Lennon)

Strategy Road Map Proposal: Presentation Purpose

- 1. Share Proposal (5 content slides, ~10-minute presentation)**
- 2. Discussion**
- 3. Critique and changes**
- 4. Concur on next steps**

Strategy Road Map Proposal: Basic Thinking

- **Update the sustainability strategy road map to continue making progress**
 - Flow from C4 Goal to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions 45% by 2030 and 100% by 2050 from 2010 baseline levels.

- **Concentrate Commission on 3-4 highest priority objectives**
 - Clear, consistent purpose ... focus efforts to gain results

- **Divide the responsibilities among the Commissioners ... create subgroup process**
 - Leverage Commissioner and Village staff efforts
 - Assign lead commissioner representatives

- **Structure and prioritize monthly Commission meeting agendas for subgroup reports/discussion**

Strategy Road Map Proposal: Subgroups

➤ **Solar Energy**

- Community Solar
- Rooftop
- Other ...

➤ **Electrification**

- EV Charging
- Home, business
- Other ...

➤ **Waste Reduction**

- Recycle & Reuse
- Water
- Energy
- Other ...

➤ **Outreach**

- Connect the Village community at large
- Connect stakeholder partners
- Other ...

Strategy Road Map Proposal: Commissioner's Subgroup Role

- **Represent the Commission on the initiative**

- **Lead & coordinate the initiative on behalf of the Commission**
 - **Identify and recommend the priority objectives and the plans and initiatives to achieve**

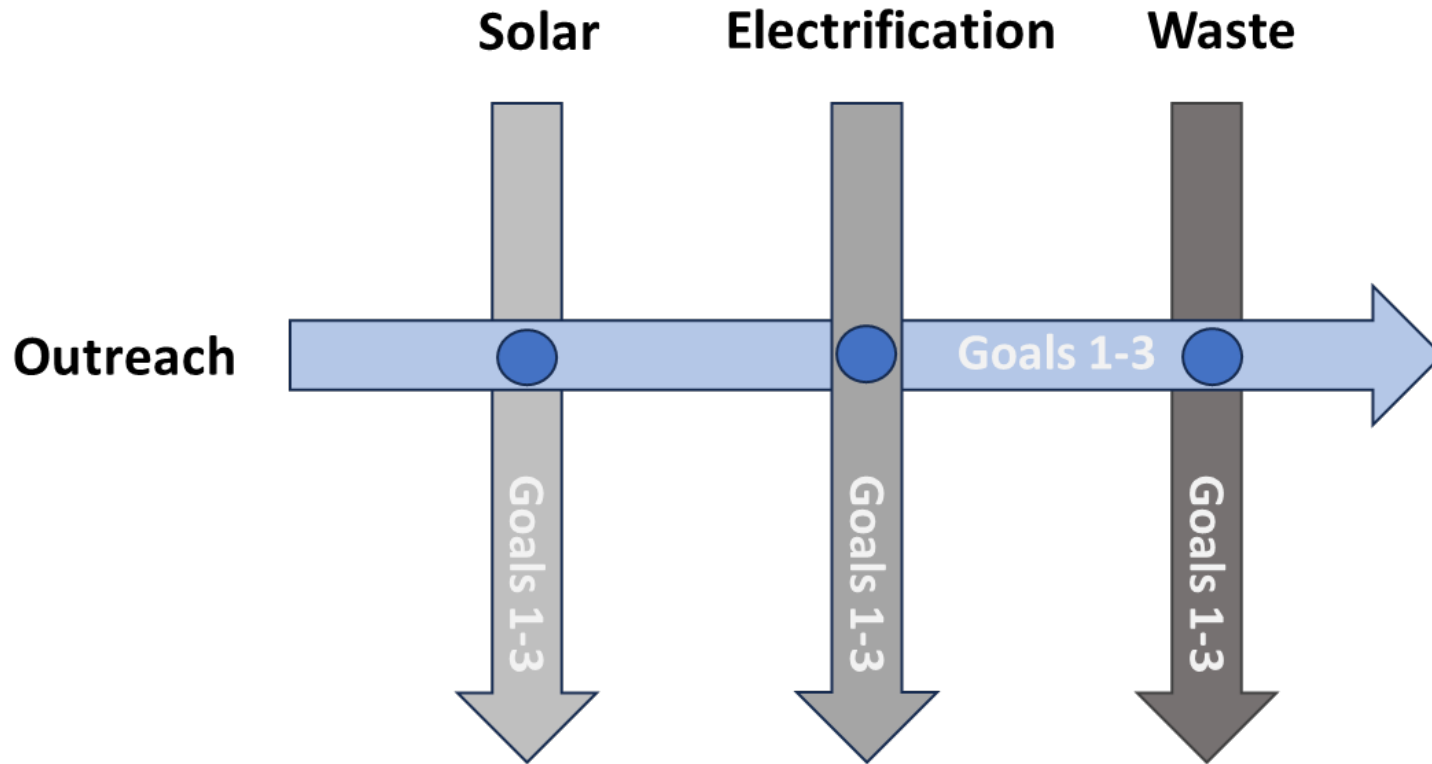
 - **Convene subgroup monthly to drive objectives**
 - Initiatives
 - Steps
 - Progress Measures

 - **Enlist other Commission and Village resources as required**
 - Include ad hoc participants as appropriate
 - Residents & external skill resources

 - **Progress reports at monthly Commission Meeting**

 - **Prepare Village Newsletter articles**

Strategy Road Map Proposal: Subgroup Model



Strategy Road Map Proposal: Recommendation

- 1. Concur on proposed Subgroups**
- 2. Make Subgroup assignments**
 - Suggest two Commissioners assigned to each including student assigned to Outreach
- 3. Subgroups begin working, report on priority Business Plan objectives at next Commission meeting**
 - 1-3 objectives max

Strategy Road Map Proposal

Discussion, Critique and, next steps

-- End --

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RIVER FOREST VILLAGE CODE
REGARDING POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOODWARE FOR DELIVERY OR TAKE-OUT
ORDERS OF FOOD OR BEVERAGES**

WHEREAS, the Village of River Forest (“Village”), is a non-home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 7 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village’s Comprehensive Plan declares that “[e]nvironmental sustainability is a multi-faceted principle that aims to reduce negative impacts on the environment and preserve natural resources to ensure quality of life for future generations. Often sought through dedicated initiatives, sustainability informs every component of a municipality by emphasizing that we are conscious of how we affect the world around us;” and

WHEREAS, polystyrene foam is frequently used in the provision of food products, including food containers and packaging, often in the form of coffee cups and take-out food containers; and

WHEREAS, polystyrene foam is not biodegradable and difficult to recycle; and

WHEREAS, alternatives to polystyrene foam are much more widely accessible and available as we learn more about the harm that polystyrene foam products have on the environment and human health; and

WHEREAS, the Village’s Sustainability Commission considered the regulation of single-use foodware as set forth in this Ordinance at meetings held on _____; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission sought input from Village business owners potentially affected by the regulation of polystyrene foam foodware as set forth in this Ordinance, and the business owners were invited to share their comments and attend a Sustainability Commission meeting to voice their opinions; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission voted _____ by a vote of ____ in favor and ____ against at its meeting on _____, 2023; and

WHEREAS, after considering a variety of materials available to it, the Sustainability Commission recommended that the President and Board of Trustees regulate polystyrene foam foodware as proposed in this Ordinance in order to better protect the public’s health, safety and welfare, by reducing waste occurring from the distribution of polystyrene foam foodware except when allowed by this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to “regulate the places where and the manner in which any beverage or food for human consumption is sold,” pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-20-2; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the obligation to “regulate and inspect retail food establishments in the municipality” in accordance with local ordinances and regulations, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-20-16(a); and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to “define, prevent and abate nuisances,” pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-60-2; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that limiting the distribution of polystyrene foam foodware in the Village would reduce the amount of waste generated by polystyrene foam foodware, thereby reducing the environmental impact from such waste; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village have determined that limiting the distribution of polystyrene foam foodware is a reasonable and necessary regulation of places where beverage or food for human consumption are sold; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village find and declare that the unnecessary distribution of polystyrene foam foodware is a nuisance and a significant detriment to the public’s health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in order to best serve the public’s health, safety and welfare, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village desire to make certain amendments to the Village of River Forest Village Code (“Village Code”) regarding the use of polystyrene foam in places of eating, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: Incorporation. That the recitals above shall be and are hereby incorporated in this Section 1 as if restated herein.

SECTION 2: Amendments. That the Village Code is hereby amended as follows, with additions underlined and deletions overstricken:

Amendment One:

Section 6-5-1 of the Village Code, titled “Definitions,” is amended as follows by adding the following definitions:

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DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINER: Serviceware designed for one-time use. “Disposable food service container” includes, but is not limited to, serviceware for take-out foods, bakery products, and leftovers from partially consumed meals. “Disposable food service container” does not include polystyrene foam coolers or

ice chests that are used for the processing or shipping of seafood or serviceware that is used to contain, transport, or otherwise package raw, uncooked, or butchered meat, poultry, fish or seafood.

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POLYSTYRENE FOAM: Blown polystyrene and expanded or extruded foams using a styrene monomer

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Amendment Two:

Section 6-5-2.Q. of the Village Code, titled "Single-Use Foodware," is amended as follows by deleting the overstricken language

3. Other Plastics. Businesses in the Village are encouraged to make every effort to reduce use of plastic bags, ~~polystyrene foam~~ and excess packaging."

Amendment Three:

Section 6-5-2.R. of the Village Code, titled "Polystyrene Foam Foodware," is added as follows:

1. Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3 of this section, food establishments may not sell or distribute a disposable food service container composed in part or in whole of polystyrene foam packaging on or after January 1, 2024.
2. A food establishment with an annual gross income under \$500,000 per location as stated on the food establishment's income tax filing for the most recent tax year as provided to the Village shall comply with this section on or after January 1, 2025.
3. Exceptions. The prohibitions set forth in this section shall not apply in the following situations:
 - a. Supplies and services provided in response to a public health or other emergency that is declared by a governmental body with jurisdiction in the Village.
 - b. Any polystyrene foam that is prepackaged with or attached to any food or beverage products by the manufacturer prior to receipt by the food dispensing establishment;
 - c. Any not-for-profit corporation; or

- d. A federal, state, or local governmental agency that provides food to needy individuals a no or nominal charge.
- 4. Enforcement: The Village shall perform education and outreach efforts regarding the prohibition contained in this section during the first four (4) months of 2024 through April 30, 2024. No citations shall be brought against food establishments for violations of this section during said time. Thereafter, a food establishment in violation of this section shall be given one (1) written warning beginning on May 1, 2024 prior to a citation being issued against the food establishment. Citations may be issued against any food establishments pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 above without a warning being previously issued that violate this section beginning January 1, 2025 and thereafter.
- 5. Conflict with State Law. If any provision of this section conflicts or is otherwise inconsistent with a provision of state law, the more stringent or restrictive provision shall prevail and shall be enforced by the Village.

SECTION 3: Continuing Effect. That all parts of the Village Code not amended herein shall remain in effect.

SECTION 4: Severability. That if any Section, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such Section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: Repeal. That all ordinances, resolutions, motions or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6: Effectiveness. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval according to law.

PASSED this _____ by the Village President and Board of Trustees pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED by me this _____

Catherine Adduci, Village President

ATTEST:

Jonathan Keller, Village Clerk

DRAFT