



VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday Jan 9, 2018 – 7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the River Forest Sustainability Commission was held on Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00pm. The meeting was conducted in the Community Room at the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Ave, River Forest.

ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Present at the meeting were:

Commissioner Simon, Commissioner Moller, Commissioner Brennan, Secretary Anderson, Commissioner Cheng and Commissioner Masella

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2017 COMMISSION MEETING

The minutes from meeting December 12, 2017 were unanimously approved as corrected.

GENERAL

COMMISSIONER SIMON REPORT

No report other than to report on the success of the RF library's new lighting project

COMMISSIONER MOLLER REPORT

No report

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN REPORT

Attended Dominican honey bottling event with Commissioner Chen and President Adduci

Attended Parks Board meeting the Commissioner Chen and happy to report that the Parks board has not made much progress with the artificial turf

project. Commissioner Brennan was also pleased to note that the Parks board is willing to work with the Sustainability Commission in the research of this project.

Commissioner Brennan reported that the owner of the Sugar Beet School was not contacted for the slanted news article regarding the VRF beekeeping ordinance.

Commissioner Brennan also reported that she would monitor the plastic bag fee in OP.

COMMISSIONER CHENG REPORT

No report

AGENDA ITEM #5 SUSTAINABILITY GOALS/WORK PLAN PRESENTATION TO VILLAGE BOARD, JANUARY 22, 2018

Commissioners, Moller, Brennan and Cheng all confirmed that they could attend this meeting. Commissioner Simon is traveling that day and if there are no delays, he will attend too.

Commissioner Moller asked that we all revise our goals to be concise and in an Executive Summary format.

Commissioner Moller would like to receive our revised goals by Monday, January 15th. She will then send them to be placed in the Board packet by January 18, 2018.

AGENDA ITEM #6 TURF RESEARCH AND WHITE PAPER PROJECT

Commissioner Brennan reported earlier that the RF Parks board is willing to work with SC Commission on this issue and that it felt like a "partnership".

AGENDA #7 SUSTAINABILITY SECTION OF VILLAGE WEBSITE

Commissioner Cheng discussed areas to be designated "Resource" and areas to be designated "Green News Items" with pictures etc...

We discussed places to publicize SC events such as, Adduci's newsletter, Village Facebook and Twitter.

Decided that our news items etc...will be sent to John Anderson and he would then send on to the appropriate outlet.

AGENDA #8 - GREEN BLOCK PARTY WRAP UP/UPDATE

Commissioner Crothers- Gee is out of town and will report at next meeting.

AGENDA #9 - RIVER FOREST CHEMICAL PERMITS FOR LAWN CARE PROVIDERS

Commissioner Crothers-Gee and Commissioner Masella will have a phone conversation scheduled to discuss this issue.

AGENDA #10 - CLIMATOLOGIST JIM ANGEL INVITATION TO SPEAK TO RIVER FOREST RESIDENTS/VBOT

Commissioners Brennan, Crothers-Gee, Cheng and Masella will all work further on this invitation.

AGENDA ITEM # 11 - OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Brennan reminded us about the Green Community Connections presentation January 31st at the 19th Century Woman's Club and the One Earth Film Festival coming up in the first week in March.

Commissioner Brennan reached out to Trustee Cargie regarding a chicken ordinance. He stated that there was no pressing need for the ordinance and that it would be up to us to decide if we would like to draft an ordinance.


We voted unanimously to shelve chicken ordinance as we have a lot of other, more critical, projects at this time.

ITEM #12 - SCHEDULED NEXT MEETING FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 AT 7:00PM

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58pm

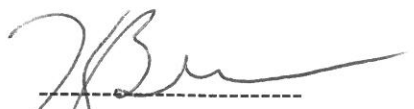
Respectfully Submitted:

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John Anderson, Secretary

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Kathleen Brennan, Chairman
Sustainability Commission

Date: 3/13/18