



## VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 – 7:00 PM  
Village Hall – Via Remote Meeting, 400 Park Ave.,  
River Forest, IL

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### AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes
4. Commissioner Reports
5. Community Aggregation Update
6. RFSC Budget Sourced from Community Aggregation
7. Schedule Next Meeting – September 15, 2020
8. Adjournment



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## SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday July 21, 2020 – 7:00 PM

The sustainability commission meeting began at 7:03pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
  - a. Lisa Gillis
  - b. Eric Simon
  - c. Beth Cheng
  - d. Cary McLean
  - e. Susan Charrette
  - f. Shannon Roberts
  - g. Lauren Behan
  - h. Ellie Raidt
  
2. Public Comment
  - a. None
  
3. Meeting Minutes from May and June were approved
  
4. Welcome Cary McLean
  - a. Cary explained she has been in the area for a long time. She has been in River Forest for the past 3 years and has previously lived in Oak Park.
  
5. Commissioner Reports
  - a. Beth Cheng was at the PlanItGreen meeting. They are coming up on their ten year anniversary. They'll have focus groups in the future on the next steps for the organization.
  - b. Eric Simon attended the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to discuss solar installations on historic homes. At this point the HPC is not ready to make changes to their documents. Their job is to protect historical structures and they do not want to change their process at this point.
  - c. Susan Charrette explained that the parkway for pollinators program now has 35 gardens planted. The notice for new gardens was posted on social media and they were reserved quickly. There may also be gardens planted near the universities and schools in the future.
  - d. Lauren Behan went through the Roy Strom contract and the 2020 sustainability plan. She will be looking to get further information on the contract.

- e. Lisa Gillis stated that the Village President was checking in on the status of the Strom contract. She also attended an It's our Future meeting. Lisa explained that the sustainability commission Google Drive is now setup and everyone can place their documents in this location.
6. RFSC 2020 Plan
- a. The sustainability commission plan has now been updated with everyone's projects going forward. The plan document will be shared among commissioners, but it will not go on the website at this point since it contains contact information for people associated with the aspects of the plan.
  - b. Lisa proceeded to explain the responsibilities of the commissioners related to all of the sustainability topics and the next steps for each program.
  - c. The issue of permeable and non-permeable surfaces was discussed with the idea that incentives for having more permeable surfaces to residents is promoted.
7. RFSC Meeting Calendar
- a. Lisa provided an update on all of the upcoming meetings/events within the list of items on the calendar to be aware of going forward. Commissioners agreed to collaborate on the attendance of upcoming meetings relevant to the specific topics.
8. RFSC Memberships
- a. We do not have any specific memberships as a commission.
9. Tribute to Julie Moller is in the final stages of what the sign will look like.
10. Community Aggregation Update
- a. Commissioners explained that they received the letters from MC Squared. There was some disappointment that the FAQ document wasn't included in the mailing to everyone. The information is on the sustainability section of the Village website for residents to see the impact of green aggregation. There can also be an update that is sent to Jon Pape and he will post the information related to the green impact of this aggregation program via social media.
11. River Forest Tree Trails
- a. Ellie Raidt explained that the tree trails project is focused on getting residents to more about the trees on their block. This is a project for young people to participate in and see the various types of tree species and sizes. The project asks various questions to participants to answer based on the types of trees on their blocks.
12. Discussion: Best Use of \$30k RFSC Budget Sourced from Aggregation
- a. Lisa referred to the document in the packet with the list of ideas. She solicited feedback from commissioners on what other ideas could work. This is a topic

that will be continued to the next meeting to see what makes sense to the commission.

13. Next meeting scheduled for 8/11/20

14. Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm

Respectfully Submitted:

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John Anderson, Secretary

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Lisa Gillis, Chairman  
Sustainability Commission

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