

**WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
November 13, 2019**

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Environmental and Forestry Commission of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois, Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

Call to Order: Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.; Voting Members present: Chairperson Chuck Dowding, Liz Kunkle, Chris Foley, Mike Nielsen, David Varca and Barry Sylvester. Voting Members absent: Rosann Park-Jones. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Ex-officio Members present: none. Village Council Representative absent: Anne Wedner. Student Representative absent: Marcus Buccellato. Staff Representatives present: Brendon Mendoza, Public Works Analyst. Public present: None.

1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks:

Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed all Commission members.

2) Public Comment: None.

3) Review and Summary of Minutes:

a) Approval of the October 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the October 9, 2019 minutes, which was moved by Commissioner Varca and seconded by Commissioner Foley. Chairperson Dowding mentioned to modify the agenda to "Review and Approval of Minutes" for future meetings.

4) New Business, Old Business/Updates:

a) Review of GRC2 Primary Goals for 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update:

Commissioner Foley stated the Plan commissioner met on October 23, 2019, and spent a majority of the meeting conducting OMA training. There is no update at this time.

The Commission discussed ideas for the Village's 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The Commission reviewed the GRC2 Framework Recommendation List.

Chairperson Dowding proposed three (3) items to be added to the GRC2 Framework list for Water Conservation, Sustain "Lakeshore-Village" Brand, and Increasing Sustainable Mobility (please see attached). Chairperson Dowding asked if any Commissioner could

draft a water quality goal related to measures of no beach closures and beaches pollution. Chairperson Foley stated he will attempt to develop a draft.

Commissioner Foley mentioned two (2) ideas for the GRC2 Framework Recommendation List. One is to add the long-term planning of the power plant following the expiration of the IMEA contract. The second idea is to address the Village's landfill and develop potential repurposing options.

Commissioner Varca stated a focus should be sustainability and thought of two (2) related items to consider. One is to explore use of landfill and the second is consideration of the Village's aging sewer system and water system. Commissioner Varca stated he will develop a draft document and bring it to the next EFC meeting.

Commissioner Kunkle stated she attended a meeting yesterday where the City of Evanston presented their "Climate Action and Resilience Plan/Business Engagement" and presented it in context of climate action plan (please see attached). Commissioner Kunkle mentioned how part of the plan was modeled around the GRC2 framework goals, and were high-level. Kunkle mentioned this document can be useful for framing recommendations.

Commissioner Kunkle also mentioned a good reference for the Commission when discussing the Comprehensive Plan Recommendations is the document titled "Chapter II: Vision, Goals, and Objectives" as found in the agenda packet.

b) RainReady Update:

Commissioner Kunkle stated that the RainReady staff will be attending the December 11, 2019 EFC Meeting to provide a presentation.

5) Communications:

a) Review October Communications Items:

The group reviewed the past October Communication items and agreed that they were satisfactory.

b) Discussion of November Communications Items:

The Commission reviewed the November Communication items. Commissioner Kunkle mentioned an article she drafted regarding use of natural light during winter for use in the November Communications. Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to approve the November Communications Items, which was moved by Commissioner Nielson and seconded by Commissioner Foley.

6) Commission/Staff Reports:

Staff Representative Mendoza mentioned that the Village's Annual Pumpkin Collection event led to approximately 670 pumpkins being diverted from landfill and composted. Commissioner Kunkle stated a good idea may be to have the Park District add a collection event in addition to the standing Village collection event, which would allow additional options for residents to compost pumpkins if they are not able to attend the Village's one day annual pumpkin composting event and additional programming options for the Park District.

Commissioner Kunkle mentioned that the Village of Glencoe has a Sustainability Task Force, and they are very active.

Commissioner Kunkle also mentioned that the Park District and New Trier Township High School District 203 will be funding a study for solar feasibility.

7) Student Representation Update: None.

8) Open Forum: None.

9) Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Nielson and seconded by Commissioner Kunkle. The motion passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.