MINUTES

Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee Meeting

June 2, 2020

Members Present: Mary Robb, Amber Meyer Smith, Angela Freedman, Bruce Fischer, Judy Taber, Michael Tiboris

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Andrew Bremer, Stephanie Miller

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:02 by Freedman.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

3. COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members introduced themselves.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion of the Rules and Responsibilities of the Committee.

Bremer reviewed, per the information supplied in the packet, the history of the committee. Angela Freedman is the Chairperson and Michael Tiboris is the Vice –Chair along with going over the primary items of:

1. Work with the Public, Village Staff, Consultants, and others to draft and develop a Sustainability Plan for implementation in McFarland. This plan will address Sustainability in order to incorporate elements of the natural environment, local economic vitality, and a healthy Community.

2. Evaluate and make recommendations on the Village joining the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Green Tier Program.

3. At the conclusion of all work, make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding Sustainable McFarland Ad-Hoc Committee being established with the McFarland Village Code of Ordinances as a Standing Committee.

Members discussed the potential of this becoming a standing committee, and overlap with other committees. Along with the difference between an "Ad-Hoc" and a "Standing" committee. Bremer pointed out all committees could look at bringing sustainably to each of their committees as it pertains to their specific committee. This committee provides recommendations; it is not one with an approval authority.

b. Update on McFarland Public Works Solar Power Installation Project.

Bremer reviewed with members the public works project as outlined in packets.

c. Discussion regarding creating a Sustainability Plan for McFarland.

Bremer reviewed there is some money in the budget to hire a consultant if desired. He also reviewed the need for framework for a future plan, the summary of existing plans identify goals, objectives, policies or implementation actions identified around the terms "climate change", "energy efficiency", "green", "greenhouse", "health(y)", "resilience(y)", and "sustainability". There was discussion of other communities sustainability plans included in the packet.

Bremer reviewed with members the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, how it is used and where they can find it for their review. It is written as a 20-year plan, with a 10-year update and minor updates as needed.

Bremer also reviewed the East Side Neighborhood Growth Plan, from the copy included in packets. Members discussed ideas they liked from other communities and possibilities for the committee. Members also discussed the rules for an Ad-Hoc committee getting together outside of an official meeting. Bremer advised he would check into the differences, as normally you should not as it creates the potential of a "walking quorum". Members also discussed what goes into hiring a consultant. Bremer would like to spend the next month's constructing what they want and then creating an RFP, where you direct the consultant to the aspects you want. He would also like to bring guest speakers to the meetings

Each member will create their own list of what they feel needs to be done, and the committee needs to look at, they will email it to Bremer within the next two weeks so he can include it in the next meeting packet. Bremer will provide a summary or research based on other communities. Members also discussed timelines, and deadline processes.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

a Tuesday July 7th, 6pm

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Tiboris moved to adjourn. Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.