MINUTES

Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee Meeting

August 4, 2020

Members Present: Michael Tiboris, Mary Robb, Amber Meyer Smith, Bruce Fischer, Judy Taber, Angela Freedman (arriving at 5:41 p.m.)

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Andrew Bremer, Stephanie Miller, Matt Schuenke

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:01 by Vice Chair Tiboris.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Review and possible approval of the July 7, 2020 Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee meeting.

Tiboris moved to approve the July 7, 2020 minutes. Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion regarding joining Wisconsin DNR Green Tier Program.

Tiboris asked for feedback from any of the attendees of the DNR zoom meeting on the Legacy Community. Taber summarized what she got out of the meeting and her concern over the time commitment of a Trustee, and the possibility of a committee member taking over that position. Bremer summarized items of interest from the meeting and broke it down into parts; roundtable communication from member communities on sustainability projects, the updates from DNR workgroups/staff and a presentation by Envision Solar regarding electronic vehicles charging stations. Bremer is speaking with staff members from other member communities to get their thoughts on the program; he has a few more people to whom he plans to speak and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Tiboris inquired if annual reporting is something that can be taken on by committee members or is this something that would have to be an additional workload to Village staff. Bremer indicated the people he has spoken to indicate the work has been handled by staff; there is no limitation that a community could not designate a community member to handle the work. Bremer reviewed the annual reports from other communities. Bremer indicated the real time commitment is throughout the year as you implement the program and work on your local initiatives.

Tiboris summarized his concern is the staff and committee time commitment to the project, and the possible gap between the sustainability plan and the green tier requirements. Members discussed their ideas and concerns, and what mandates are required for the program.

Bremer reviewed his summary sheet for the program as provided in packets, along with reviewing the scorecard for the program.

b. Update regarding Request for Proposals to create a Sustainability Plan for McFarland.

Bremer updated members that the Village Board approved releasing the RFP, the Board made one change to remove social equity from one of the chapter topic themes under Community Health due to concerns there may not be enough consultants who would have the right skill set, therefor would not submit a proposal. It was also not one of the elements included as part of the resolution to create the committee. The Village Board is addressing this through another path. The due date for submittals is August 14, 2020.

c. Discussion regarding making a recommendation to the Village Board to establish the Sustainable McFarland Standing Committee.

Schuenke, based on information provided in packets, reviewed the difference between a standing committee and an Ad-Hoc committee as identified in the codes along with the rules and regulations needing to be followed. Schuenke also reviewed information as provided in packets from two other communities on their committee structure.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Tuesday September 1, 6:00 pm

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Tiboris moved to adjourn. Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.