

MINUTES

Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee Meeting

October 6, 2020

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Andrew Bremer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Freedman.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Review and possible approval of the September 1, 2020 Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee minutes.

Tiboris moved to approve the September 1, 2020 minutes. Taber seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 - 0.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Presentation and discussion by Dane County Executive Joe Parisi and Kathy Kuntz, Acting Director Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change, regarding the Dane County Climate Action Plan.

Joe Parisi – Dane County Executive gave a summary of the Dane County Climate Action Plan and spoke on what they have done to expand renewables in Dane County and future upcoming projects.

Kathy Kuntz – gave a presentation and shared the Climate Action Plan with committee members via a power point presentation. She covered emissions, weather changes and how Dane County will be getting warmer and wetter, having more frequent rain events. Kuntz went over recommendations from subject-matter working groups and the outcomes they are pursuing. Kuntz also discussed the Climate Champions Program, sites, and resources available to interested parties.

Kuntz reviewed the Sustainability Leaders Collaborative and the events and meetings they held. Kuntz also spoke on the state energy offices. Members discussed various aspects of

the presentation, processes, costs and benefits along with the resources available to both businesses and non-profits such as the PACE program.

b. Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding selection of a consultant for the McFarland Sustainability Plan.

Bremer reviewed his staff report as submitted in packets with the committee, along with a copy of the RFP for reference. There were 15 applications received; the evaluation team narrowed them down to five applicants to interview. Bremer indicated after the initial evaluation and the interviews the evaluation team unanimously recommended MSA Professional Services for recommendation tonight.

Jason Valerious and Ria Hull from MSA shared their career history and a short presentation on their proposal and timeframe with committee members.

Meyer Smith moved to recommend MSA Professional Services to the Village Board as the consultants for the McFarland Sustainability Plan. Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Bremer indicated Tuesday November 3rd is not available for a meeting due to elections; he is looking at Thursday November 12th at 6:00 p.m., as a possible date as that time is open with Village scheduling, members concurred November 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. would work.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Tiboris moved to adjourn, Robb seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.