

## **MINUTES**

### **Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee Meeting**

**May 13, 2021**

Members Present: Angela Freedman, Judy Taber, Amber Meyer-Smith, Bruce Fischer, Isabella Gletty-Syoen, Mary Robb (joining at 6:45 p.m.)

Members Absent: Michael Tiboris

Staff Present: Andrew Bremer

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Freedman called to order meeting at 6:00 p.m.

#### **2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

None

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Review and possible approval of the April 8, 2021 and April 26, 2021 Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee meeting minutes.

Gletty-Syoen moved to approve the April 8, 2021 and April 26, 2021 Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee meeting minutes. Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **4. BUSINESS.**

a. Discussion regarding development of the Village's Sustainability Plan.

Bremer reminded everyone of the Community Survey which is currently taking place, and reviewed the options for accessing the survey through May 27, 2021. Input from the survey will be used to help further prioritize the final action plan.

The Committee reviewed the structure of the draft baseline indicators and actions plan, as provided in packets. Bremer explained and discussed with members the low, medium and high possible ratings and how this will help them with the metrics of achieving their goals. Categories include impact, cost, staff effort, begin, duration, status, responsible person/department, responsible committee/commission.

The committee discussed the category of cost including money saved, money spent, and how some areas have larger impact on money saved while others have little or nominal impact. It was discussed to look at a variation of that category, along with adding a social impact measurement. Members discussed whether the category of duration was needed.

Bremer inquired if members had any additional input, comments or questions related to any of the indicators, which were chosen, or the initial targets identified. Bremer discussed the livability score for McFarland and other communities with members and how McFarland ranks close to the top with its peer communities.

Freedman brought up the shift, which may take place due to the changes in the workforce, and more people are working from home. The attitudes of many have shifted from wanting to commute to their workplace to preferring to work from home. Should the target be changed on this category, is the number selected reasonable due to the changing workplace attitudes. Gletty-Syoen concurred as many are choosing to work from home for many reasons. Bremer felt it was a low target, and it may be worthwhile to add the percentage of people working from home. Members decided to leave it at 5%, as it may be met more through more education about services available.

Bremer inquired what the member's top three items were. Members indicated welcome packet, native planting usage on municipal properties, less use of herbicides and pesticides by the Village, the School District and residents; addition of an additional community service day, recommending a policy when purchasing to consider renewable materials, mapping the Villages tree plantings, having a heritage tree policy, rain barrels and using promoting them as an educational event, options on land use for housing, a generational community center where the school district partners with the Village on the project, tracking of greenhouse gas emissions.

Bremer summarized the survey will be complete by their next meeting on June 10, 2021, they will have the results and further revisions to the action plan table. Bremer will check with MSA on the focus groups as requested by the committee.

## 5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:00pm.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT.

Fischer moved to adjourn; Meyer-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.