MINUTES

Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee Meeting

July 8, 2021

Members Present: Angela Freedman, Michael Tiboris, Amber Meyer-Smith, Bruce Fischer, Mary Robb, Isabella Gletty-Syoen (joining at 6:20 p.m.)

Members Absent: Judy Taber (excused)

Staff Present: Andrew Bremer, Kong Thao

1. CALL TO ORDER – Angela Freedman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES – New Staff Kong, gave introduction of himself to committee

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Review and possible approval of the June 10, 2021, Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee meeting minutes.

Fischer motioned to approve last meeting's minutes, seconded by Freedman, Motion passes 5-0.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion and potential action to make a recommendation to the Village board to accept the Sustainability Plan for the Village of McFarland.

Ria Hull, staff from MSA Professional Services, was present to give presentation on the sustainability plan. Ria stated the plan will have pictures and photos added later after edits are complete. Staff provided their notes to be added in the sections following their own review. The committee provided feedback on various parts of the document regarding formatting, headings, tables, and clarity.

> Revision statements to the executive summary, edits to the focus sections, formatting of the summary sections prior to the appendix, metrics table to be updated and be more visually appealing, clarity on definition of dollar signs used and its relative amount, methods and sources to be moved to appendix.

Meyer-Smith motioned to recommend the Village Board accept the Sustainability Plan for the Village of McFarland, with the discussed revisions be added to the draft plan as desired by the Committee. Seconded by Tiboris. The motion passes 6-0.

The next Village Board meeting is on July 26th at 7:00 PM. All sustainability committee members are recommended to attend.

b. Discussion and potential action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the formation of a standing Sustainability Committee for the Village of McFarland.

The committee went into discussion on the responsibilities, schedule of future meeting dates and duties of a standing committee. Staff provided feedback from research of similar committees of neighboring communities and Green Tier communities. The committee asked Ria about her past experiences working on a similar committee and their committee's past actions taken within the community. Fischer motioned to recommend the Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee be a standing committee to the Village Board. The motion was seconded by Gletty-Syoen. The motion passes 6-0.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00pm.

b. Village of McFarland's approach to meetings.

Staff provided the group an updated on the Village's hybrid approach to meeting moving forward. The decision was passed by the Village Board on June 14th, 2021 to transition to a more in-person meeting, with online attendees still allowed. Those wishing to attend in-person are required to always wear a mask during the meeting and while in common areas of the Municipal Building. Angela, Ella, and Amber expressed interest to attend in-person meetings. Bruce and Mary were unsure of their decisions. Michael will not be at the next meeting in-person since he is out of town can make the virtual appearance.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion by Robb to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Freedman. Motion passes 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.