

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
**McFarland School Board and Village Board Joint Planning Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 - 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Carolyn Clow called the regular meeting of the McFarland School District and Village Board Joint Planning Committee to order at 4:00 PM in the Community Room of McFarland Municipal Center.

2. ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL.

Members present: Village - Carolyn Clow, Mike Flaherty, and Matt Schuenke. School District - Arlyn Halvorson, Bruce Fischer, and Wayne Anderson.

Members not present: None.

Staff Present: None.

3. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion and action to appoint a meeting chairperson.

A motion was made by Halvorson, seconded by Anderson, and unanimously carried by the Committee to appoint Carolyn Clow as chairperson for the meeting. Motion carried 6 - 0 - 0.

b. Discussion and action regarding minutes from the meeting held August 12, 2019.

A motion was made by Clow, seconded by Fischer, and unanimously carried by the Committee to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 12, 2019. Motion carried 6 - 0 - 0.

c. Discussion of topics of mutual interest to the School District of McFarland and Village of McFarland.

The Committee discussed a total of 8 areas initially that they would like to discuss in the future where it was felt both entities shared a mutual interest. This included creating the position of equity officer, future of the youth center, community recreation, affordable housing, school resource officer, community journalism, more students on committees, and solar opportunities. Each of these items was presented by the member who raised the point and the group as applicable. Staff will further discuss these items and provide an update on these topics for next meeting. No action was taken on this item.

d. Updates from both organizations on their local projects/initiatives.

The Village Administrator provided an update on a variety of local initiatives. This included the beginning of construction on a new Public Safety Center, planning for improvements to the Municipal Center to incorporate space for a Community Center, master planning within our park system, and new hires within our Police and Fire Departments.

The interim School Superintendent provided an update on a variety of their local initiatives. They are working on the recruitment for a new School Superintendent and also developing a new strategic plan.

4. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 4:00 pm.
- b. Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 4:00 pm with alternate dates of December 30, 2021 or January 4, 2022.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Clow, seconded by Fischer, and unanimously carried by the Committee to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 pm. Motion carried 6 - 0 - 0.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew G. Schuenke
Village Administrator