

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

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 - 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Village President Clow called the meeting of the McFarland School Board and Village Board to order at 4:03 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

2. ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL.

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

Village Board members not present: None.

Staff Present: Community and Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer, and Middle School Principal Aaron Tarnutzer.

3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address this board, commission, or committee. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the board may do so using the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform. You may state your name, address, and provide your comments to the board for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the board should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to cassandra.suettinger@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.

1. Phillip Milhouse commented that he was attending the meeting as part of the Archaeological Conservancy organization related to the discussion on the School Forest agenda item.

2. Craig Howry residing at 4604 Sigglekow Road commented that the Waunakee School District had recently dissolved its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion and action regarding minutes from the meeting held August 24, 2021.

A motion was made by Clow, seconded by Anderson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 24, 2021. Motion carried 6 - 0 - 0.

b. Presentation from Community & Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer on affordable housing initiatives.

Andrew Bremer was present from the Village as its Community and Economic Development Director. He provided a presentation on affordable housing including projects currently underway within the Village. Members asked questions and Andrew provided answers as he was able related to affordable housing. No action was taken on

this item.

c. Presentation from middle school on the school forest.

Aaron Tarnutzer was present from the School District as its Principal for Indian Mound Middle School. He provided a presentation on their work studying indigenous people, considering a name change for the school, new connections with the Ho-Chunk Nation, opportunities to expand education, and learning more about taking care of the mounds within the adjoining School Forest. Members asked questions and Aaron provided answers as he was able related to the School Forest. No action was taken on this item.

d. Update from the school district on the superintendent recruitment and strategic planning process.

Superintendent Anderson provided an update on the process to recruit a new Superintendent and the work the District has been doing to develop a new strategic plan. The initial phase of the process includes a lot of data collection through surveys and focus groups. They will use this information to help shape both the recruitment and strategic plan. The Recruitment will begin closer to the end of the year with the interview process yet to be set by the School Board. No action was taken on this item.

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

Discussion topics included a shared Equity Officer position, the McFarland Youth Center, Community Recreation, School Resource Officer, local journalism, more students on Committees, and solar opportunities. Members were provided an update on these items and discussed those areas of interest where applicable. No action was taken on this item.

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

Most items of relevance were shared earlier in the meeting. No further updates were provided. No action was taken on this item.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

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

Administrator Schuenke will send out an email to the group to see which dates they are available to meeting next. Once consensus is reached, he will notify the group on the next scheduled meeting date.

b. 2022 Meeting Schedule

To be discussed at the next meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Clow, seconded by Fischer, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 pm.

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