

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

**School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee Minutes**

*Tuesday, January 10, 2023 - 4:00 PM*

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.**

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

Members Present: School - Craig Howery, Bruce Fischer, and Aaron Tarnutzer. Village - Carolyn Clow, Carrie Nelson, and Matt Schuenke

Village Board members not present: None.

Staff Present: None.

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.**

*This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee for items that are not on the agenda. Please remember this is a hybrid meeting conducted in person and through the Zoom online meeting platform. Meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee about items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Zoom attendees should type their name and address in the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform at this time. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Committee for their consideration. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to [village.clerk@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:village.clerk@mcfarland.wi.us) to be included as part of the meeting.*

*Members of the public may also speak during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form or in the Question and Answer feature on Zoom.*

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

*Discussion and action regarding the minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting.*

Motion by Clow, second by Nelson, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

**4. BUSINESS.**

*Discussion and update regarding the McFarland Municipal Center Master Plan.*

Schuenke provided an update on the Village's work to create a master plan for the Municipal Center Campus. The Public Safety Center is scheduled for completion in June and the planning work will help guide improvements to the facility upon their vacancy. The Library has been included within this planning as well as the Youth Center. Continuing to review proposed improvements against the need for capital improvements as well as the operational impacts. No action was taken on this item.

*Discussion regarding the Village ratifying and approving a purchase agreement for*

property located at or around 3454 Siggelkow Road (Parcel 0710-654-8341-1).

Clow provided an update that the School District and Village are moving forward with the purchase of land adjacent Siggelkow Road in order to construct a solar farm. The Village will own the land with the District leasing use of it to enter into an agreement with Alliant Energy to construct and maintain the solar farm. The lease and agreement terms are still being negotiated and are anticipated for completion later this Spring. No action was taken on this item.

- c. Update and discussion from School District on Strategic Planning including Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work.

Tarnutzer provided an update on the School District's efforts to complete a new Strategic Plan including Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work. They have updated their mission and vision statements highlighting their shared commitment to inclusive belonging spaces, safety, creating partnerships, and review drafted pillars. Working on building out the action steps within this draft to date. No action was taken to date.

- d. Discussion of topics of mutual interest and updates of local initiatives to the School District of McFarland and Village of McFarland.

The group discussed the Dane County sustainability/landfill campus project, updates on the Inclusive Park planning at WIS, upcoming presentation on the Power of Words, and communications.

**5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.**

- a. Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 4:00 pm.
- b. Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 4:00 pm.
- c. Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.
- d. Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 4:00 pm.
- e. Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Howery, second by Nelson, to adjourn at 5:04 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew G. Schuenke  
Village Administrator