VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

AD-HOC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:00 p.m. Village Hall
221 E Cottage Grove Rd

1. Call to Order.
2. Determination of quorum and that the agenda was properly posted.
3. **Public Appearances** – Public's opportunity to speak about any subject that is not a specific agenda item.
4. Introductions
5. Election of Chairperson
6. Election of Secretary
7. Discuss Definition of Sustainability, In-Scope and Out of Scope for Committee and Committee's Operational Definition for Sustainability.
8. Discuss Background of State, County and Other Area Communities Sustainability Efforts.
9. Discuss Current Sustainability Efforts within the Village.
10. Discuss Village's Potential Vision and Goals Around Sustainability.
11. Future Agenda Items
12. Adjournment

Any item on the agenda is subject to final action. Notice: Persons needing special accommodations should call 608-839-4704 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies may be in attendance at the above stated meeting to gather information; no action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.

Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee - Packet - 10 March 2020

4. Introductions and Context for Committee:

Trustee Murphy noted when reflecting on our Sustainability Committee ' ...with the start of a new decade and this year might be a good time to announce some goals/commitments/resolutions to meet by 2030. This might be something the Committee could work on. 2020 also marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and it might be symbolic to have something started by then.'

Earth Day - April 22, 2020

7. Definition of Sustainability, In-Scope and Out of Scope for Committee, and Committee's Operational Definition for Sustainability

Sustainability: *noun* -

1. The ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level.

'the sustainability of economic growth'

1.1 Avoidance of the depletion of natural resources in order to maintain an ecological balance.

'the ecological sustainability of the planet'

Source powered by Oxford: https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/sustainability

In-Scope and Out of Scope for Committee

Possibilities:

Suggest Sustainability Vision, Strategy, and Goals

Coordinating, Tracking, and Monitoring Ongoing Sustainability Efforts in Village

Review and Leverage Other State, Municipalities, and Organizations are Doing Around Sustainability Efforts

Other?

Operational Definition for Sustainability (areas of focus of Committee and Village):

Possibilities:

Focus on the Environment

- and implement a strategy to minimize Village's environmental impact

Renewable Energy

- 100% renewable energy for the Village by 2040

Conservation and Support of Natural Areas

Mitigation of impacts of Climate Change

Others?

8. Background of State, County, and Other Area Communities Sustainability Efforts

State:

Executive Order #38 goal state's Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy and directs new office to "achieve a goal of ensuring all electricity consumed within the State of Wisconsin is 100 percent carbon-free by 2050." Link: https://www.renewwisconsin.org/governor-evers-delivers-a-clean-energy-vision-for-wisconsin/

DNR Link: https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Sectors/SustainableCommunities.html

Dane County

Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change Link: https://daneclimateaction.org Dane County Government Sustainable Operations Plan Link: https://board.countyofdane.com/documents/pdf/final_dane%20county%20sustainable%20operations%20plan_jan2016.pdf

City of Monona

Mission Statement

Sustainability in everything we do.

The City of Monona is a leader in environmental sustainability, and believes that a commitment to the environment is crucial to having a flourishing community. Having sustainability in mind while supporting the ecological, economic, and social needs of our community ensures that we will not deplete or minimize the resources of future generations.

Sustainability Plan Link: https://www.mymonona.com/1246/Monona-Sustainability-Plan

City of Madison

"Sustainability is the ability to meet our needs without compromising the needs of future generations." Link: https://www.cityofmadison.com/sustainability/

City of Verona

Sustainability Resolution Outlines Community Goals / Actions Around Sustainability Link: https://www.ci.verona.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/2980/CDA-RFP---Appendix-B---Sustainability-Resolution?bidId=

Some Organizations Sustainability Efforts:

UW System Sustainability Efforts Link: https://www.wisconsin.edu/sustainability/

Wisconsin Environment Organization Link: https://wisconsinenvironment.org

Sustain Dane Organization Link: https://sustaindane.org

9. Current Sustainability Efforts with the Village

Some Ongoing Examples:

Utility Committee - examining placing solar panels on the Municipal Services Building

Public Works Committee - drafting a road salt reduction program; building maintenance 2020 update the lighting to LED in Municipal Services Building in bays and Village Hall

Parks Committee - tree inventory into database