

Village of Cottage Grove
Meeting

Notice of Public

AD-HOC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

6:00 p.m.

This meeting will take place virtually via Zoom. Please join the meeting from your computer, table or smartphone by visiting, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89748033258?pwd=QVN1RjlfUkRuRjU3eWZpSEoyTXNxdz09>. You can also participate via phone by dialing, 1-312-626-6799, and use Meeting ID: 897 4803 3258. When asked for your participant ID, just press #. When asked for the passcode enter 221.

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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. Discuss And Consider The Minutes From The March 8, 2022 Meeting.

Documents:

[3-8-22 SUSTAINABILITY MINUTES.PDF](#)

5. Solar RFP Update - JJ
6. BCycle Dock Placement Discussion
7. "No Mow May" Resolution Update
8. Earth Day/ #CleanupTheGrove/Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Event Planning
9. Final Ad-Hoc Sustainability Meeting
10. Adjournment

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Village of Cottage Grove
DRAFT Minutes Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee
Tuesday, March 8, 2022

1. **Call to Order** Hess called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. This was a Zoom meeting.
2. **Quorum:** It was determined that there was a quorum, and that agenda was properly posted. Committee members present were Nick Hess, John Williams, Ryan Minor, and Heidi Murphy. Catie Malcheski was absent and excused. Staff present was Deputy Administrator, JJ Larson. Guest, Kent Kraus, from Eagle Point Solar was also in attendance.
3. **Public Appearances:** public's opportunity to speak about any subject that is not a specific agenda item. Kent Kraus from Eagle Point Solar addressed the committee as he is interested in being included on the email release of the Solar RFP for the upcoming installation on the Municipal Services Building. Mr. Kraus discussed some of the supply chain challenges they have been working through and currently have under control but explained that the situation is rapidly changing.
4. **Discuss and consider the minutes from February 8th, 2021.**
Motion to approve minutes as presented by Hess, second by Williams. **Motion** carried with a voice vote 4-0-0.
5. **BCycle Planning Meeting**
Hess reached out to the BCycle team on an update for the planned installation in Cottage Grove. BCycle is currently experiencing some supplier and chip issues. Orders will open late summer and fall for delivery and installation in spring 2023. Hess recommended additional planning sessions over the next few months to finalize the details of the installations. Williams discussed the multi-use paths that will be installed this year and they may create more interest by some commercial stakeholders when connectivity is achieved. Williams added that additional businesses will open in the Commerce Park and the benefits of these stations will be even greater when we connect the paths.
6. **Solar RFP Update**
The solar panels on the Municipal Building were approved in the 2022 budget. Strand has started the work on the RFP and should have it prepared for release in the coming weeks. Hess expressed interest in the committee evaluating and preparing a recommendation regarding selection for the project.
7. **Consideration of "No Mow May" Resolution**
Some Dane County communities have passed resolutions supporting "No Mow May". The committee reviewed a resolution from Shorewood Hills. Williams and Larson discussed applicable local ordinances related to weed/lawns and how those would be handled for those participating. Minor added that there are more comprehensive strategies that support the pollinators throughout the growing season. Minor recommended that we instead focus on educating residents on how to support these species during the entire year. Larson mentioned resources such as Plant Dane. Murphy will discuss the potential for an example pollinator garden with an educational piece

within a Village Park. Minor will work to re-formulate a resolution with the goal of supporting pollinators and gather educational information for the Earth Day event.

8. **Earth Day/#Cleanupthegrove/Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Event Planning**

The Committee working in coordination with the Friends of the Library in planning the event associated with Earth Day 2022. The event will take place on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Cottage Grove School. The Friends will have an interactive trail in the School Forest, a composting demo/educational talk, and interactive upcycle booth for kids. The Dane County Trash Lab will be on site. The Village will be coordinating the rain barrel and compost bin sales/pick-up on site. Hess discussed the Clean up the Grove portion of the event to promote cleaning up trash around our community. Larson mentioned the storm drain mural was approved for Cottage Grove School and this may be another piece to highlight during the event. Murphy will work to coordinate the flyer with the Friends to promote the event.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

Solar RFP update, Earth Day event update, committee merger with the Public Works and Properties Committee.

10. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 6:47 by Hess, seconded by Williams. **Motion** carried with a voice vote 4-0-0.