

VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE

SUSTAIN LIBERTYVILLE COMMISSION

February 16, 2022

4:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Commission: Chairperson Doug Reed, Cathy O'Brien, Carol Cooper, Dave Neu, and Dave Wilms

Village Staff: Kelly Amidei, Village Administrator and Erin Baynes, Management Analyst

Guests: Trustee Dan Love, Ella Kozlowski, Chris Geiselhart, Heather McGreevy

1) Approval of January 19th Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien and was seconded by Commissioner Cooper to approve the January 19th meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

2) Bird City Program Qualification

Commissioner Cooper submitted a three-page update to Chairperson Red regarding the status of requirements. Currently, the Village only needs to obtain one more requirement: an activity provided to residents about migration day. Guest Geiselhart mentioned that the Lake County Audubon is partnering with the Cultural Center for Arbor Day and suggested coordinating with Migratory Bird Day in May. Commissioner Cooper questioned the impact of some of the Village's spraying practices on native plants that supported bird migration; guest Geiselhart explained how some native plants were affected by last year's spraying. Guest Geiselhart also mentioned that there would be a presentation about Bird City and birds as pollinators on Earth Day to recruit volunteers for the May planting event.

3) Village Views Articles

Chairperson Reed propositioned the group for a volunteer to write the article for the summer edition of the Village Views.

4) Continue Sustainability Plan, 2022 Update

Chairperson Reed plans to present the updated Sustainability Plan to the Village Board. Administrator Amidei stated that SWALCO is working to provide updated metrics for the recycling page. Chairperson Reed added a note detailing two roll-off containers being filled at the pumpkin composting event; Commissioners Cooper and Wilms confirmed. Chairperson Reed also added a goal of reestablishing the Green Living Fair. Trustee Love proposed changing plan language to "encourage non-plastic straw usage." Chairperson Reed also suggested the addition of "recognize businesses that are supporters" and "contact commercial customers to inform them of complimentary recycling option." Commissioner Neu included the goal for "alternate containers for take-out (recyclable/compostable)." Chairperson Reed proposed the addition of "work towards becoming a Bird City/resolution from the Village Board," "refurbish native plant garden located at Village Hall," and "native plant garden cul-de-sac grant program." Commissioner Wilms suggested language for a code requirement requiring that all new construction is solar-ready; Administrator Amidei referenced the existing goal

encouraging code ordinance for green buildings. Commissioner Neu proposed the addition of “reduce salt usage and educate on alternatives.” The Commission discussed water and ice on sidewalks and roadways. Chairperson Reed suggested the removal of “coordinate free plants/seeds available” in exchange for promotion external programs offering such services. Administrator Amidei recommended the goal “create neighborhood garden options.”

5) Other Items/Updates

The next meeting is on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

6) Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Neu. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m. by a unanimous roll call vote. The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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