

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF
SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**October 25, 2017
7:00 P.M.
Village Hall Board Room
40 East Center Avenue**

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Village of Lake Bluff Sustainability and Community Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee (SEC) met on October 25, 2017 in the Village Hall Board Room (40 E. Center Avenue) at 7:00 p.m. and the following members were present:

2. Roll Call

Present: Brian Rener, Co-Chair
Marina Carney Puryear, Co-Chair
Jill Danly
Nan Patterson

Absent: Emmet Brady
Liz Leutwiler
Anne Sorensen

Also Present: Glen Cole, Assistant to the Village Administrator (AVA)
John Scopelliti, Administrative Intern (AI)

3. Approval of the October 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Rener moved to approve the October 5, 2017 SEC Meeting Minutes. Member Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Non-Agenda Items and Visitors

Co-Chair Rener stated that the SEC allocates 15 minutes for those individuals who would like the opportunity to address the SEC on any matter not listed on the agenda.

Three young boys from a robotics team came in front of the committee to talk about their water conservation project in regards to the human water cycle. They are interested in a tiered water pricing structure where individuals that use a low amount of water are charged less but those that use a large amount of water are charged more per unit in order to create an incentive to conserve more water. The boys contacted the Village but it appeared to them that the Village was not interested in conserving water. The boys mentioned the idea of subsidized kits for homeowners that would provide aerators to reduce fixture water flow or shower timers as a way to conserve water in all households.

Co-Chair Puryear was interested in their subsidized program and wanted to know what the program entails.

The boys stated that these kits would either be sold at a low price or donated to residents for use.

Co-Chair Puryear asked if the boys had thought about sprinkler system usage and if Village residents could be more efficient by changing when the systems are running. Co-Chair Puryear mentioned that sprinkler systems are usually programmed to operate at certain hours, usually at night. Co-Chair Puryear was intrigued by the idea to possibly regulate sprinkler usage by defining the appropriate time of days they are allowed to operate.

The boys requested that the Village help them raise awareness in the residents.

Member Danly supported the boy's statement by clarifying that the committee has marked this down as one of the their goals (#11 Water Conservation Efforts and Education) but that the boys' initiative would make for great teammates as both this committee and the boys try to educate the residents of Lake Bluff about the importance of water conservation.

Both Co-Chair Puryear and Member Danly expressed the idea of a water awareness week or month in the village to educate the residents on the importance of water conservation.

Member Patterson asked if the boys had any numbers in regards to their tier system but the boys stated they did not have any numbers yet.

5. Order of the Meeting

There were no requests to change the order of business.

6. General Business

A. Recycling – Disposable Bags

AVA Cole introduced AI Scopelliti to the podium before he explained the disposable bags document Staff prepared for the committee.

AVA Cole stated he received multiple emails from Member Danly the day of the meeting so he requested Member Danly to explain these emails.

Member Danly introduced a local organization called Green Minds. Green Minds has already launched and underway with bring your own bag in both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. Green Minds wants to collaborate and find a way to make it an incentive. Member Danly mentioned that Green Minds has already distributed many bags within town and so far residents seem interested but they want to encourage more participation. Member Danly stated that Target is willing to offer a discount of \$0.05 off a purchase if the shopper brings their own bag. Sunset has also stated they are willing to provide the same incentive. Some local stores have stated they will promote this incentive more once it becomes Village policy. Also, many of the local stores that support the BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) group now have stickers in their window. The Green Minds have see-through stickers that can be used to remind people. Member Danly listed off the following local stores that have these BYOB stickers in their window and encouraged more participation: Angelo's Liquors, Whitehead Studios, Clockworks, Peg Ann, Bluffington's, Lawrence Interior, Lake Bluff Hub and Cycle, and Be Market.

AVA Cole talked about the possibility of having a BYOB sticker placed in the visitor boards in the village.

Co-Chair Renner requested information from AVA Cole as to how to dispose of plastic bags at home.

Co-Chair Renner requested that more information be collected for this plastic bag program by staff and then brought back to the committee.

Member Danly mentioned the idea of placing on the website the locations of all recycling containers as a source for our residents.

Co-Chair Puryear mentioned the idea of a community initiative for the Village and to possibly work with the young buys that presented at the beginning of this meeting.

AVA Cole requested for the board to think about the direction they want to go in for the next meeting based off the task list in front of them.

Co-Chair Renner mentioned he had individuals that for staff to contact to come in as public speakers.

AI Scopelliti mentioned that the committee was interested in having the fire department have a representative talk at the next SEC meeting as a public speaker, which the committee confirmed would be a great idea.

Co-Chair Renner opened it up again to the committee for the future topics to be discussed in the next meeting. Co-Chair mentioned the task of light pollution (#9 Light Pollution) is on his list for future topics.

Member Danly mentioned the idea of car idling (#4 Vehicle/Motor Idling) since it will be starting shortly with the weather started to become worse.

B. Beautification

AVA Cole introduced the 2015 Lake Bluff Downtown Visual Preference Survey Results gathered from 283 online responses.

Co-Chair Renner mentioned the importance of having sustainable bike racks in the village.

Member Patterson mentioned an interesting piece of material that was from the Village of Glencoe Transportation Study that works on encouraging biking and walking throughout the village.

Co-Chair Renner stated it would be interesting to know the people flow from and to the train with regards to where these individuals may be going or coming from.

AI Scopelliti presented the Possible Areas of Beautification Map to the committee.

Co-Chair Puryear argued she is against completing the screening by the bench at the most Northern boundary of Lake Forest and the most Southern boundary of Lake Bluff due to safety concerns.

Member Danly explained the receptacles she proposed at the Moffett and Ravine Bridge.

Co-Chair Renner requested that staff provide a map with existing bike racks and/or future destinations for bike racks.

C. Sustainability

AVA Cole introduced a draft Sustainability Plan section and what is supposed to come from this plan.

AI Scopelliti explained the development of this plan along with what the next steps will be for developing this plan into a final product.

Co-Chair Renner and Co-Chair Puryear stated this is a good start to the plan but they want the members to review this plan more to then come back later with more feedback of what they would like to see out of this plan.

7. Village Staff Report

AVA Cole expressed he attended a HPC workshop over the weekend that was very informative and could possibly relate to the some of the topics the committee is working on. There was a good mix of people at this event.

8. Member's Report

The Members had nothing to report.

9. Co-Chair's Report

Co-Chair Puryear mentioned that Dr. Paul Cox is going to be speaking to several of the garden clubs at the Chicago Botanic Garden on November 7, 2017. He is going to be talking about fertilizers, un-clean water, Alzheimer's, etc. in the context of certain materials contaminating our water.

10. Adjournment

As no further business came before the SEC, Co-Chair Rener moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m. Member Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Scopelliti
Administrative Intern