

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

**March 22, 2018
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 March 22, 2018 in the Village Hall Board Room (40 E. Center Avenue) at 7:02 p.m. and the following members were present:

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Emmet Brady
Anne Sorensen

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

3. Consideration of the January 31, 2018 Sustainability and Community Enhancement Committee (SEC) Meeting Minutes

4. Non-Agenda Items and Visitors (Public Comment)

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. There were no requests to address the SEC.

5. Order of the Meeting

Member Leutwiler motioned to move the Backyard Chicken Pilot Program Application Review to the beginning of the meeting. Member Danly seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

6. General Business

A. Backyard Chicken Pilot Program

a. Application review of Nancy and George Drowne, 517 Lincoln Avenue

AVA Cole introduced the first item, Backyard Chicken Pilot Program Application review, to the committee. AVA Cole explained the Application Review process to the committee along with who the applicant is.

Co-Chair Puryear motioned to open the application up for discussion. Member Leutwiler seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Co-Chair Rener opened it up for discussion among the members of the committee and anyone in the audience. A brief discussion commenced.

Co-Chair Puryear mentioned for the committee to take note of the individual that sent the committee some health suggestions in regards to the chickens and making sure individuals specifically around chickens are consistently washing their hands. Co-Chair Puryear mentioned that the idea of a brochure would be a great source of information.

AVA Cole stated that Village staff plan to include a CDC flyer/brochure with the individual's permit when approved for Backyard Chickens.

Co-Chair Rener recommended the CDC flyer be attached to the chicken application to begin with instead of it being handed out post application hearing with the SEC.

Co-Chair Rener stated this is a great applicant for the backyard chicken pilot program due to the experience and correct approach to this program. Co-Chair Rener explained how the applicant meets the requirement stated within the application.

One of the applicant's Nancy Drowne came to the podium to address the committee. Nancy Drowne was curious as to if she needs to address those residents that submitted comments towards their application.

Co-Chair Puryear motioned to approve the Drowne Backyard Chicken Application. Member Leutwiler seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Presentation by Kris Lucius, Smith Group JJR, regarding urban beautification

Kris Lucius approached the podium to give his presentation to the committee on ways to create urban beautification within the Village of Lake Bluff by using case studies from areas across the country he has worked with. Kris Lucius stated how interesting he thought the committee's process was and that he is happy to be here to present to the committee. He believes this is a good opportunity for individuals to take a break from the work and essentially reflect on what they do. Kris Lucius explained to the committee what he does along with how he works with Brian Rener (SEC Co-Chair).

Member Leutwiler asked Kris Lucius about Peace Meal work. A short discussion commenced.

Co-Chair Rener mentioned how the committee talked about a playbook of sorts at our meeting in January. A brief discussion commenced.

Co-Chair Puryear asked Kris Lucius how often his ideas required public and private partnerships considering how large some of these parks are both physically and economically. A brief discussion commenced.

Co-Chair Rener wanted to emphasize that the point of this presentation was to start to give the committee ideas in the area of brainstorming for possible answers of beautification throughout the village. A brief discussion commenced.

C. Sustainability Review

a. Survey Review

AVA Cole explained the reasoning behind the survey along with what is the plan moving forward with using this information to develop the Sustainability plan. AVA Cole started to go through the presentation of the sustainability survey results.

AI Scopelliti approached the podium to assist AVA Cole with the presentation.

Co-Chair Puryear stated that she has not seen a Tru-Green truck come into her neighborhood in a while, which is great demonstration as to how some residents are becoming more sustainable and knowledgeable of understanding the issue with run-off specifically from lawns.

AVA Cole continued with his presentation.

AVA Cole introduced AI Scopelliti who went through the feedback from the Sustainability Survey comments to look for consistencies. AI Scopelliti went through feedback from both sides of the survey; “What is one thing Lake Bluff already does successfully that helps us be sustainable?” and “What is one thing Lake Bluff should start doing to be more sustainable?”

Co-Chair Puryear mentioned rain barrels and asked if there was a way the Farmers Market committee could take orders for them.

Co-Chair Rener re-iterated that he doesn’t know the Village Board’s agenda but he believes that rain barrels should be a formal recommendation from this committee, along with education towards the importance of rain barrels.

Co-Chair Puryear mentioned the LFOLA (Lake Forest Open Lands Association) had a rain barrel painting contest about 20 years ago and she is curious as to if this could be a possible event for Lake Bluff.

Co-Chair Rener mentioned that the light pollution could be dark light which is at the middle school currently. Co-Chair Rener believes this could just be a general comment.

AI Scopelliti went back to the final three slides of his part of the presentation which were specific and unique quotes that were important for the committee to see.

AVA Cole mentioned to the committee to take some time and go through the comments to make themselves aware of the residents viewpoints that the committee could possibly implement into the Sustainability Plan.

AVA Cole started to discuss the draft agenda for next month's meeting. Along with stating he will be out of town, so AI Scopelliti will be facilitating the meeting that night.

Member Danly mentioned that it would be nice to know the finances going forward in order to figure out what is the next step with developing the Sustainability Plan to create realistic and achievable goals.

Member Patterson stated she struggles with this issue too.

Co-Chair Rener stated that we as a committee need to know our limits when creating realistic and achievable goals for beautification around the Village.

Member Patterson mentioned that you don't want to start spending money on ideas that may not make the most sense for the Village along with the goals the committee has created for the Sustainability Plan.

Member Leutwiler thanked AVA Cole and AI Scopelliti for their presentation. She also stated that now we need to address the issues/comments before us.

AI Scopelliti stated that he can go back to the comments and collect statements that are both consistently stated but are also new and unique.

Co-Chair Rener stated the idea of FAQs as a sub-tab within the Sustainability page on the Village website.

Co-Chair Puryear mentioned to the committee that the Loyola University Ramblers had won their Sweet 16 game in the March Madness tournament and have now advanced to the Elite 8.

Co-Chair Rener stated that he would like to look at light and water ordinances next. He would like to know about case studies in other areas that have dealt with great flooding and light pollution.

Co-Chair Puryear mentioned ComEd has a light bulb deal currently going on.

AVA Cole explained the ComEd program to the committee. A brief discussion commenced.

7. Village Staff Report

There was no report.

8. Member's Report

Member Patterson talked to her son and he talked about some compostable grocery bags that need to be broken down at a Recycling plant.

Co-Chair Puryear mentioned the idea of using plastic bags for doggy bags by attaching those bags to a trash can receptacle.

AVA Cole stated that this idea has actually happened but he doesn't know if the Village has taken that structure down already. A brief discussion commenced.

9. Co-Chair's Report

Co-Chair Rener talked about how there is no free busing anymore for middle school students at Lake Bluff. Co-Chair Rener mentioned that idea of a carbon tax for those residents that have children at Lake Bluff that are not using sustainable/green transportation.

AVA Cole gave the committee some insight as to his idea based off the most recent transportation survey.

10. Adjournment

As no further business came before the SEC, Member Leutwiler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58p.m. Member Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Scopelliti
Administrative Intern