

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

**May 6, 2019
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 May 6, 2019 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: Marina Carney Puryear, Co-Chair
Brian Rener, Co-Chair
Anne Sorensen
Sophia Twichell
Nan Patterson
Emma Johnson

Absent: Leslie Bishop

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

3. Consideration of the April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Member Twichell moved to approve the April 1, 2019 SEC Meeting Minutes. Co-Chair Puryear seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Non-Agenda Items and Visitors

Co-Chair Puryear 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 for items not on the agenda.

5. Order of the Meeting

The Co-Chairs will entertain requests from anyone present on the order of business to be conducted during the Meeting.

There was no request to change the order of the meeting.

6. General Business

a) Revised Draft of Village Sustainability Plan

AVA Cole provided an overview of the drafting of the Sustainability Plan which led to the

draft before the SEC at the meeting. AVA Cole stated that Member Bishop is absent today, but she did send comments regarding the Sustainability Plan. AVA Cole stated that Member Bishop that she supported the plan but had specific comments about social equity and the environment. AVA Cole stated that Member Bishop also wrote that the plan should encourage reusable takeaway containers and straws as well as food scrap composting alongside the yard waste season.

Member Twichell asked if the plan referenced the county's green infrastructure plan and gave any comparison of that plan to the village's green initiatives. AVA Cole stated that he believes it is in the plan, but he will make a note to make sure it is mentioned more prominently. He stated that the county's plan is good from a technical perspective but it's could provide better practical guidance for a homeowner looking to install one. He stated that there was a link included to a State of Minnesota guide that was very practical.

Member Patterson stated she was curious about how the plan intends to address pesticides. AVA Cole mentioned that one of the goals in the plan, NS-5 (Natural Spaces Policy #5), states that the Village should educate residents on managing lawns and gardens using natural products and low impact practices that reduce usage of pesticides, fertilizers, and other chemical lawn treatment. Member Patterson mentioned the practices for reducing ants placing traps for mice or other small animals.

Co-Chair Puryear stated she was curious about dog waste. AVA Cole stated that we have talked about it here, but it isn't in the plan. He stated that this is something that we can add. Co-Chair Puryear stated that she had heard of people dumping dog waste into ravines routinely.

Co-Chair Puryear also mentioned, for page 9, that we have a list of what you can recycle and what needs to be sent to the landfill. She was curious if we can have a food scrap list as well in the plan to educate residents.

Member Twichell stated she was curious on page 9 if we know anything about keeping our recycling clean. She stated that she recently found out that the City of Lake Forest contractor says that 25% of their waste recycling stream is contaminated. She stated she was curious if we have any similar statistics. AVA Cole that he doesn't have the specific statistics for Groot, but he said that 25% is among the lower contamination numbers he's heard. He stated that sources of contamination include food, oils, or improper mixing.

Co-Chair Rener stated he hasn't really thought about the recycling stream, but he was curious if staff could determine where the recycling goes. AVA Cole stated that he is not too familiar with the whole recycling chain but if you were to go to Groot, his understanding is that they have facilities here in Chicago they transfer to.

Co-Chair Rener stated that specifically for the food scrap recycling compared to using a household sink food disposal was essentially a toss-up according to Groot/SWALCO. AVA Cole stated that he was unsure as those discussions were before his employment with the village. Member Twichell stated that you may want to ask the utilities about the garbage disposals since they hate them.

Co-Chair Rener asked AVA Cole what the next steps are moving forward considering this is a living document.

AVA Cole stated the next steps include graphic design so creating a more colorful and beautiful design, reviewing options for a micro-website that is distinct from the Village website, and some public engagement/outreach. AVA Cole stated that as far as public outreach goes, staff's thinking is that this is not as simple as the landscape plan public engagement, but neither is it terribly complex. AVA Cole stated that it'll take a week to complete the final changes requested by the committee, and in the next three weeks staff intends to promote the Plan in the Village e-newsletter to create a manageable amount of interest to make residents aware of the upcoming sustainability plan. He stated that we will probably see a written response like the landscape plan, but staff will advertise the June meeting as a public hearing and there will be a PowerPoint presentation present at the June meeting. AVA Cole stated that this committee will make their recommendation at the June meeting.

7. Village Staff Report

a) Meeting Dates

AVA Cole stated that staff wanted to make sure that this first Monday of the month meeting date will still working well for the committee members moving forward. The consensus of the group was that the first Monday meeting schedule is still working well for them.

AVA Cole stated that for the 176 Corridor Plan, the village has engaged the services of Teska and Cliff Miller again to start their second round of work on this program. Surveyors were at the site two weeks ago and are finishing the base data that'll be necessary for landscape design in that area.

Co-Chair Renner stated he was curious to know if LBOLA has been doing any work out there or are they still waiting for an agreement from the Village. AVA Cole stated he hasn't heard anything from them yet. He stated that staff had been communicating with them when the playbook was adopted but he is unsure of their status.

8. Member's Report

Member Sorensen stated that she had a note about this upcoming Wednesday, the League of Women Voters is hosting a public forum where they will be addressing Stormwater Issues in the community. She stated that they've invited the Village of Lake Bluff and City of Lake Forest to participate. She stated that the event is called "It's Raining, It's Flooding!." She stated that they are looking forward to it, it is on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Dickinson Hall. Member Sorensen stated that they have Mike Warner from Lake County Stormwater Management, Mike Thomas from City of Lake Forest, Jeff Hansen from Village of Lake Bluff will be unable to attend and Ryan Linden from Lake Forest Open Lands Association (LFOLA). She stated that it should be a great evening and the organization is looking forward to a great turnout.

9. Co-Chair's Report

Co-Chair Puryear stated that she found out there is an organization, Urban Chicken Rental, that allows people to "dip a toe" into the world of chicken keeping. She stated that the organization will drop off the chicken house/coop and five chickens, and they will pick them up at the end of the applicant's contracted amount of time. She stated her neighbor and her were thinking that this would be a great idea because they would not have to be fully responsible for the chickens year-round; it would be a limited commitment.

Member Sorensen stated that if someone were to be interested in pursuing rental chickens,

she assumes they would have to come through the village first. Co-Chair Puryear stated 'absolutely'.

Co-Chair Puryear stated that the chickens lay 5 eggs per week. She stated that there are various varieties of chickens that lay various colors of eggs. She stated that they eat garden and kitchen scraps and are fed and watered once a day.

Member Twichell stated she was curious about if there were any reviews about this program. Co-Chair Puryear stated that Elawa Farms was interested in this because the village only allows a pilot program.

Co-Chair Puryear stated that on May 9th from 9:30 to 11:30 there will be a round table about Landscaping without Chemicals at Elawa Farms.

Member Twichell stated she was curious about if the Village had any statistics regarding the percentage of residents use the green lawn services. Member Twichell stated that herself and two other homes in the Bath & Tennis subdivision pay for this service.

Co-Chair Rener stated that the Village Board had been presented a discussion, started by Green Minds, regarding gas-powered weed wackers and leaf blowers. He stated that one of the things the board has been talking about for a while has been whether we should register landscaper permits for landscaping companies to work within the Village of Lake Bluff. He stated that one of the ideas he had was that if we had done that we would have a better idea as to who is coming into the village, but we could also issue a standard permit and "green" permits to provide an incentive to businesses that own electric powered equipment rather than gas-powered equipment.

10. Adjournment

As no further business came before the SEC, Member Twichell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Member Sorensen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Scopelliti
Administrative Intern