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**MEETING MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018
6:30 P.M.
VILLAGE BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

- Members Present:** Chris Dunn, Chairman
Amanda Ault
Rebecca Boyd
Arthur Haut
Nathan Kebede
Michael Kim
Linda Kurtz
William Muno
Tim Perry
- Members Absent:** None
- Staff Present:** John Adler, Director of Community Development
Kate Amoruso, Assistant to the Director of Engineering & Public Works
Kate McManus, Planner II
- Guests:** Beth Drucker, Go Green Wilmette; Ann Roberts, League of Women Voters; and April Cesaretti, Resident

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Dunn directed the Commission's attention to the draft minutes of the Environmental and Energy Commission meeting of July 23, 2018.

Chairman Dunn called for a motion that the Commission approve the minutes as drafted. Commissioner Kim moved to approve and Commissioner Kebede seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved as drafted.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dunn explained that the Greenest Region's Compact 2 (GRC2), the Chicago Climate Charter, and the Climate Mayors would be discussed by the Commission, and that a recommendation could most likely be made by the end of the meeting to the Village Board on which to proceed with.

Chairman Dunn stated that he had a pre-meeting discussion with John Adler and Kate Amoruso to optimize the assistance to the Commission in advising the Village.

IV. GREENEST REGION COMPACT 2 PROCESS DISCUSSION

Kate Amoruso directed the attention of the Commission to the GRC2 Consensus Goals, which correspond to categories in the GRC2 Framework. The Commission will need to identify which goals the Village has already completed, which do not apply to Village, and prioritize the remaining goals accordingly.

Chairman Dunn then asked the Commissioners to provide feedback to Staff regarding which sections they would be interested in working on before the next meeting.

John Adler stated that a number of community organizations would be available to assist the Commissioners in working on the GRC2, and Ms. Amoruso added that Village Staff would also be able to assist.

Chairman Dunn stated that the Commission's immediate goal is to organize how best to approach the GRC2 Framework. Ms. Amoruso reiterated that the Commission will need to identify what the Village has already accomplished, what does not apply to the Village's operations, and identify which of the remaining goals would have an associated cost, and which could be completed at no cost.

Mr. Adler suggested that Village Staff will first review each section and identify what the Village has completed, and assist with determining which remaining goals would require an allocated budget. Mr. Adler added that the ultimate goal is to use the Framework to generate a Sustainability Plan for the Village, for inclusion in the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Boyd asked if the recently approved refuse contract would conflict with pursuit of the GRC2 goals. Ms. Amoruso responded that any new initiatives could supplement the new contract, and noted that Advanced Disposal has been receptive of specialized recycling programs in the past. Ms. Amoruso also noted that the new contract provides for electronic recycling and curbside composting. Commissioner Kurtz added that the Commission could provide for public education and outreach regarding proper recycling, for example, as pursuit of the GRC2 goals.

Commissioner Kim requested an Excel spreadsheet of the Framework. Ms. Amoruso responded that there is one available for immediate distribution, but that a more user-friendly version will be distributed prior to the next meeting.

Beth Drucker asked if a live spreadsheet like a GoogleDoc would violate the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Adler responded that he will speak with Corporation Counsel about this, and will provide the Commission with an answer at the next meeting.

Ms. Drucker stated that the Green Initiatives page on the Village website has not been updated for quite a while. Ms. Amoruso noted that the webpage has recently been updated in accordance with the GRC2 goals, and will continue to be updated as progress continues.

April Cesaretti asked about the reporting mechanism associated with the GRC2. Mr. Adler confirmed that there is no required reporting mechanism.

Commissioner Boyd asked if there is a timeline the EEC should be aware of. Mr. Adler responded that goals requiring a budgetary allotment should be stated in the spring of 2019 for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) meeting to be held in the summer of 2019. Mr. Adler noted that goals requiring a less substantial cost, such as \$1,500, might be able to be completed within the existing budget.

V. New Business

Commissioner Perry reported that Civiltech Engineering is collaborating with the Village to work on active transportation, as well as assisting with creating a comprehensive bicycle plan. Mr. Perry stated that he met with Civiltech Engineering the prior week to survey relevant sidewalk conditions to be included in its report by, April 2019, and that Civiltech Engineering hosted an open meeting on Thursday at the Village Hall. Mr. Perry also discussed the recent Tour Wilmette postponement due to rain, and will attempt to reschedule.

Ms. Drucker encouraged the meeting's attendees to visit the Village website to complete the Village's cycling survey to provide feedback.

Ms. Amoruso provided a brief update to the West Side Stormwater Improvement Project. The Village Board chose the neighborhood storage option, and noted that Hibbard Park and Thornwood Park will be storage sites, along with either Centennial Park or Community Playfield. The Village's engineering consultants, CBBEL are reviewing the advantages and the potential challenges of both sites, to eventually make a recommendation to the Village Board. Once the third site is chosen and site plans generated, green infrastructure will be addressed per the contract with CBBEL. Ms. Amoruso added that this project will be done in conjunction with the Park District.

Commissioner Haut suggests the Village enlist volunteer residents (dubbed the “Light Brigade”) to scout out Village locations where excessive and premature lighting is activated during the day when perceived as unnecessary, and for the Village to then take action. Chairman Dunn recommended the doctor to prioritize the GRC2’s “reduce energy consumption” goal.

VI. Public Comment

Ms. Drucker of Go Green Wilmette suggested that the Commissioners sign up for Go Green Wilmette’s newsletter, which would keep them up to date on the EEC’s activities, as well as the potential for the organization’s goals to overlap with the EEC’s when considering the GRC2. Ms. Drucker then advertised many of Go Green Wilmette’s upcoming programs and meetings.

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Dunn called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kebede moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Amoruso
Assistant to the Director of Engineering & Public Works