

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

March 30, 2016

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Village of Lake Bluff Sustainability and Community Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee (SEC) met on March 30, 2016 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: Marina Carney Puryear, Co-Chair
Brian Rener, Co-Chair
Jill Danly
Liz Leutwiler
Nan Patterson
Anne Sorensen
Alexandra Walinskas

Absent: None

Also Present: Drew Irvin, Village Administrator
Franco Bottalico, Administrative Intern
David Bedrin, Green Minds Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Board Member
Meg Gustafson, Green Minds Lake Forest-Lake Bluff
Carol Russ, Green Minds Lake Forest-Lake Bluff
Yuh Schabacker-Koppel, Green Minds Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

3. Approval of the February 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Puryear moved to approve the February 24, 2016 SEC Meeting Minutes. Member Sorensen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Non-Agenda Items and Visitors

Co-Chair Rener stated 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

There were no requests to change the order of business.

6. General Business

A Presentation from David Bedrin

David Bedrin, Board Member of Green Minds Lake Forest-Lake Bluff (LF-LB), introduced his organization and described its background, mission and meetings/events via a power

point presentation.

Board Member Bedrin described Lake Forest's asbestos removal project and how Green Minds LF-LB has assisted in their efforts. He further commented on Green Mind LF-LB's effort on environmental issues and sustainable practices.

Board Member Bedrin described previous workshops Green Minds LF-LB has held and how they educated citizens on home composting efforts and recycling. He described Green Minds' initiatives on reducing pesticides (through a petition) and reducing vehicle idling at school areas.

Board Member Bedrin described Green Minds LF-LB's goals such as: reducing pesticide use in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff parks and school grounds through education and through the financing of possible grants; reducing vehicle idling at school areas; collaboration with the City of Lake Forest to promote recycling and home composting; and hosting "compost and cocktails workshops" at private residences as a tool to promote recycling and home composting.

Board Member Bedrin provided the SEC with Green Minds LF-LB's website and thanked them for their time, and invited the SEC to ask any questions they may have.

Member Leutwiler inquired on Green Minds LF-LB's meetings. Board Member Bedrin advised Green Minds LF-LB meets monthly at a member's home and the meetings are open to the public and are posted on their Facebook page.

Board Member Bedrin stated Green Minds LF-LB is working with local school districts to collect unused school supplies to donate for future use, or to other organizations that may be in need. Member Leutwiler suggested reaching out to Lake County Cares with that effort.

Co-Chair Puryear inquired on how one can balance the school's student pick-up line efficiency and vehicle idling awareness. Schabacker-Koppel from Green Minds LF-LB commented that shutting off vehicle's engine is a better approach and can reduce effects on asthma.

Schabacker-Koppel commented on the City of Chicago's ordinance on vehicle idling and its impact on the community, and incentives for members of the community that the City has used to promote reporting school buses who were idling their buses.

A discussion ensued on vehicle idling in the community and school district areas.

Member Danly inquired how often is Green Minds LF-LB reaching out and collaborating with other organizations in the Chicagoland area, and how can the SEC learn of Green Minds LF-LB's agenda and future dates. Schabacker-Koppel discussed future meeting dates and their guest speakers.

Member Leutwiler inquired if Green Minds Lf-LB is affiliated with any other "green" or "go-green" titled organization. Schabacker-Koppel explained why they chose their name, and how it fits their mission. A discussion ensued on green living.

The SEC thanked Green Minds LF-LB for their time.

A Continued Discussion Regarding the Prioritization of Goals/Tasks

Co-Chair Rener expressed his interest in contacting representatives from Lake County to speak on their initiatives and how they can assist the SEC.

VA Irvin commented on when he met with members of Green Minds LF-LB in the past and how Lake Bluff can fit in with Green Minds LF-LB's initiatives. He also commented on how Lake Bluff is attempting to reduce its chemical use with lawn care (pesticides and fertilizers) through the Public Works department. A discussion ensued on pesticides and mosquito abatement procedures. VA Irvin stated there are other groups similar to Green Minds LF-LB and inquired how can we coordinate with the others and not impede on another group's progress initiatives.

Member Leutwiler commented that meeting with groups builds better communication.

A discussion ensued on the Village vehicle's idling policies and efforts.

VA Irvin suggested if SEC members wish to be a liaison to local school districts or park districts as an option to communicate with other organizations.

Co-Chair Puryear inquired if there was a section on Village website to communicate on recycling in the Village. VA Irvin stated it is an option.

Member Walinskas inquired what "business emissions/waste" goal/task is. VA Irvin stated how local businesses manage their waste and it is a separate issue from businesses recycling.

Co-Chair Rener inquired if air pollution should be separate from light pollution. A discussion ensued on light pollution and noise pollution and the efforts the Village has taken to minimize them.

Member Leutwiler inquired on businesses food use at the end of their work day and if there are/can the Village create guidelines on how to properly discard or recycle them. A discussion ensued on food reuse/recycling throughout the Village and business community.

Co-Chair Rener inquired if there were any plans for future vehicle purchases on low emissions vehicles. A discussion ensued on hybrid vehicles in the Village's fleet.

Member Daly suggested separating the goals/tasks in a fashion better for viewing or separated by air, water and land. A discussion ensued on how to highlight the most important goals/tasks. The SEC agreed to utilize a Venn diagram in order to show the relationship of the goals/tasks.

VA Irvin stated for each member to send via email him their top five issues from the goals/tasks list.

7. Village Staff Report

VA Irvin stated four years ago the Village was part of the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium and purchased energy in bulk and saved money for its residents; however, the program is currently on pause due to competition from ComEd's rates. The consortium group's core mission is to find ways to reduce energy consumption across the consortium members. Recently, the group held a meeting to find energy reduction methods.

One vendor they spoke with offers the inspection of a resident's home. The vendor will provide feedback and recommendations to homeowners on how to reduce energy consumption. VA Irvin this was a notable initiative to promote.

A discussion ensued regarding the Village's recently amended nuisance ordinance (leaf blowers) and hours of operation. VA Irvin explained the impetus of the amendments and why the Board took certain actions (not to license landscapers) when passing the amendments.

8. Member's Report

Member Walinkas inquired on Lake Bluff Park District's Golf Course regarding sustainability efforts or measures. VA Irvin explained the Lake Bluff Park District has recently outsourced the management of the Golf Course, and it would be a good idea to have the Park District come to speak to the SEC.

Member Sorensen inquired if the SEC can link in the Village's branding efforts going forward, and if the SEC can learn more on the Village's branding efforts. A discussion ensued on the Village's branding efforts and revised Village signs. VA Irvin stated he would give a brief presentation to the SEC regarding the Village's branding efforts.

9. Co-Chair's Report

The Co-Chairs had nothing to report.

10. Adjournment

As no further business came before the SEC, Co-Chair Puryear moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Member Leutwiler seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Drew Irvin
Village Administrator