

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

**January 27, 2016**

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

The Village of Lake Bluff Sustainability and Community Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee (SEC) met on January 27, 2016 in the Village Hall Board Room (40 E. Center Avenue) at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

The following members were present:

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

**3. Non-Agenda Items and Visitors (Public Comment Time)**

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

**4. Order of the Meeting**

No requests to change the order of business.

**5. General Business**

VA Irvin provided an overview of the Open Meetings Act which all elected and appointed boards must follow. VA Irvin explained what an illegal meeting is and that certain personal items and devices (e.g. cell phones, emails, etc.) may be subpoenaed pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. VA Irvin and Co-Chair Puryear noted the importance to not “reply all” when responding to emails and reply only to VA Irvin.

VA Irvin asked the Members what they believe the SEC can accomplish and the time frames needed. VA Irvin suggested to take into consideration if there are resources needed to carry out the research/projects.

Co-Chair Renner suggested SEC Members each generate a list of goals they wish to accomplish, rank them and submit to VA Irvin for distribution to the SEC.

VA Irvin explained the Village's energy and emission profile as part of a regional study. He noted this report would be a great foundation to put together a Village-wide sustainability plan.

VA Irvin spoke about the Village's recent beautification efforts and the Village's branding initiative.

VA Irvin discussed the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County's (SWALCO) composting household waste program and how Lake Bluff is preparing to handle the disposal of residential food scraps. VA Irvin explained the Village's multi-year agreement with Groot and the contract is coming up for renewal. VA Irvin explained Lake Bluff has a plan in place with Groot and DK Organics and these contractors are prepared to manage food scraps. VA Irvin stated the Village may wish to learn if the residents wish to participate in such a program via survey.

Member Sorensen inquired if the Village of Oak Park still participates in food scrap recycling. VA Irvin advised neighboring communities have commenced with food scrap recycling (commercial and residential) and noted as how the Village might administer its program. The Village could use paper craft waste bags (yard waste bags) for residents to recycle food scraps. VA Irvin advised this is something the SEC may want to discuss in the future.

Co-Chair Puryear inquired about the recycling efforts of local businesses. VA Irvin explained the commercial solid waste hauling and recycling program was recently adopted by the Village and stated the program encourages businesses to recycle by reducing recycling costs.

VA Irvin explained the Village's role in helping to improve storm water run-off into Lake Michigan and managing the sand at the beach, which is the Village's biggest asset. The Lake Bluff Park District has invested a great amount of effort to restore the sand; however, it has been difficult due to recent severe weather displacing the sand.

VA Irvin noted Lillian Dells area is a great asset to the Village and the Village Board has discussed how to improve the area. He then explained the idea is for it to remain a scenic roadway or thruway into the Lake. He then explained the efforts that the Village has made to preserve that area. VA Irvin further explained that the Village's ravines are also one of the Village's natural assets (looking into ravine improvements); however, most are private property and the SEC should look for ways to explain how the Village and residents can take care of them.

VA Irvin noted the Village's adoption of regulations that allow for sustainability, such as: solar panels and wind turbine regulations.

Co-Chair Puryear inquired of the Village considering natural plantings in its parkways. VA Irvin stated that could be a part of the discussion regarding beautification efforts.

Co-Chair Renner, suggested the SEC explore incentives to promote use of sustainable building standards. A discussion ensued regarding more sustainable practices for the Village to consider.

VA Irvin reviewed the Village's participation and adoption of the Lake County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. This document is renewed every five years and the SEC will have an opportunity for input in respects to long-term sustainability and enhancements,

VA Irvin suggested the SEC and the Village may have the opportunity to partner with other groups to help further achieve its goals and objectives.

Co-Chair Puryear inquired if the SEC will meet on March 30<sup>th</sup>, and VA Irvin advised he will send out a meeting schedule for members to confirm their availability.

**6. Village Staff Report**

VA Irvin reported he with the assistance from Administrative Intern Franco Bottalico, will serve as staff liaison and is available to the Members for any questions. VA Irvin suggested the solid waste issue is the most time-sensitive issue the SEC will be considering.

**7. Co-Chair's Report**

Co-Chair Renner suggested the agenda include a section for Member comments. He added he was contacted by a student studying environmental science expressing an interest in volunteering for the SEC over the summer.

Following a suggestion by Co-Chair Puryear, each Member introduced themselves and shared their interests in serving on the SEC.

**8. Adjournment**

As no further business came before the SEC, Member Sorensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Member Leutwiler seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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R. Drew Irvin  
Village Administrator