

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

February 22, 2017

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Village of Lake Bluff Sustainability and Community Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee (SEC) met on February 22, 2017 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: Emmet Brady
 Jill Danly
 Liz Leutwiler
 Nan Patterson
 Anne Sorensen

Absent: Marina Carney Puryear, Co-Chair
 Brian Rener, Co-Chair

Also Present: Drew Irvin, Village Administrator
 Franco Bottalico, Administrative Intern

3. Chair Pro-Tem

Member Sorensen motioned to nominate Member Brady as Chair Pro Tem. Member Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Non-Agenda Items and Visitors

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. A Discussion with Dr. Robyn Walter Regarding Backyard Chicken Keeping

Chair Pro Tem Brady introduced Dr. Walter a Veterinarian from Highland Park, IL. She described her involvement and experience with chickens and her research in the keeping of chickens.

Dr. Walter stated that backyard chickens typically live longer than chickens kept for extensive production. They may lay eggs for 10-12 years and typically people keep them as pets after that. Dr. Walter added that avian influenza may be a concern with

chickens, and may cross species into dogs or people; however, everyone that she knows who keeps backyard chickens has not had a problem with avian influenza. This isn't common with backyard chickens.

Member Sorensen inquired on the typical quantity of chickens one would keep in their backyard. Dr. Walter advised she has seen three to six chickens, and no roosters. She added that they are clean and do not produce an offensive odor, as long as owners are hygienic and keep coop clean. They are typically quieter than owning a dog.

Dr. Walter stated the chickens need to be kept in confinement for their own protection due to predators such as coyotes, raccoon, cats, etc.

Administrative Intern (AI) Bottalico inquired about chicken keeping during the winter months. Dr. Walter advised to use heating lamps and choose species that will tolerate Chicago's winter.

Member Danly inquired on any recommendations that Dr. Walter can offer the Village when considering a pilot program. Dr. Walter advised to limit flock size to under six, and not allow roosters. Dr. Walter recommended a book titled "Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens" that provides best practices.

Dr. Walter advised that ten feet away from a neighbor's property would be an appropriate distance. She stated that this distance will help keep a chicken less stressed, which in turn will keep a chicken healthy.

A discussion ensued on the experiences of keeping backyard chickens. The SEC then thanked Dr. Walter for her time.

B. A Discussion with Lake Bluff Girl Scout Troop 40459 Regarding Recycling Efforts

Chair Pro Tem Brady introduce the Lake Bluff Girl Scout Troop 40459 and Ms. Davis and their efforts.

Ms. Davis allowed Girl Scout members to introduce themselves and address the SEC regarding their current project titled "Agent of Change" and their desire to help the SEC purchase an additional recycling bin for the Central Business District (CBD). The Girl Scouts advised they desire to meet the Village halfway in financing a recycling bin to be placed in the CBD. Ms. Davis also advised they'd like to set up a booth during a weekend to help sell their Girl Scout cookies. A portion of the cookie sales may be put toward the recycling bin.

AI Bottalico advised that the Village accommodates nonprofits at no-charge to set up a booth during the Farmers' Market or on a Saturday morning in the CBD. The Girl Scouts advised they'd like to see the recycling bin be placed in front of Wisma in the CBD.

Girl Scout members thanked the SEC for their time and the SEC members thanked the Girl Scouts for attending and agreeing to a partnership.

Michael, a member of the audience, addressed the SEC and stated that he supports the idea of keeping backyard chickens, and that he had experience in raising them and has

not experienced issues. He also gave the SEC some advice regarding liability issues.

Chris, a member from the audience, addressed the SEC and provided them with examples of other communities who permit chickens, as well as other groups who keep backyard chickens and others who take in chicken garbage scraps.

C. Approval of the January 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Member Leutwiler moved to approve the January 25, 2017 SEC Meeting Minutes. Member Danly seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

D. Review of a Draft Beekeeping Pilot Program.

AI Bottalico advised he added the regulations that had been previously omitted. He stated this is a fluid document that can be adjusted as we go since it is a pilot program. If the SEC is ok with the document as it reads it would be forwarded to the Committee-of-the-Whole (COW) for their review.

Member Patterson moved to forward the draft beekeeping pilot program to the COW for their review. Chair Pro Tem Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

E. A Discussion Regarding an Upcoming Report to the Village Board

AI Bottalico provided the SEC with a copy of a memorandum to be presented to the Village Board of Trustees at a regular scheduled Village Board meeting. This memorandum outlines the purpose of the SEC, past accomplishments, current status and future goals.

Member Sorensen moved to forward the memorandum to the Village Board for their review. Member Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

7. Village Staff Report

Staff had nothing to report.

8. Member's Report

The Members had nothing to report.

9. Co-Chair's Report

The Co-Chairs were absent.

10. Adjournment

As no further business came before the SEC, Member Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Chair Pro Tem Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Franco Bottalico
Administrative Intern