

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

**August 30, 2017  
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 August 30, 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: Brian Rener, Co-Chair  
Liz Leutwiler  
Jill Danly  
Anne Sorensen  
Emmet Brady (arrived late at 7:06 p.m.)

Absent: Marina Carney Puryear, Co-Chair  
Nan Patterson

Also Present: Glen Cole, Assistant to the Village Administrator (AVA)

**3. Approval of the April 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Member Sorensen moved to approve the April 26, 2017 SEC Meeting Minutes. Member Danly seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**4. Non-Agenda Items and Visitors**

Co-Chair Rener 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. AVA Cole introduced John Scopelliti in the audience, who is a recent graduate of the undergraduate planning program at Iowa State University. Co-Chair Rener thanked him for attending.

**5. Order of the Meeting**

There were no requests to change the order of business.

**6. General Business**

**A. Review of a Draft Backyard Chicken Keeping Pilot Program and a Discussion Regarding Future Public Hearings**

AVA Cole introduced the item and provided a summary of recent and upcoming action regarding the item. The SEC previously held a public forum regarding the pilot programs on Saturday, July 15. Co-Chair Rener stated that the SEC should hold at least one additional public forum prior to recommending the item to the Board of Trustees. AVA Cole recommended planning a public forum during an upcoming Farmers' Market. Member Leutwiler stated that she preferred a meeting setting conducive to an in-depth roundtable discussion. Member Danly discussed ways that the Committee could promote the upcoming public forum including the Village's community sign boards, and Member Leutwiler stated that she heard from people who were unaware of the July public forum. AVA Cole provided background on the Village's Facebook page.

The Committee set the date for the public forum on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, and agreed to host an informational table at the Farmers Market on September 29<sup>th</sup>. (Note: The SEC did not conduct a public forum on September 30<sup>th</sup>.) Co-Chair Rener suggested that a chicken be present at one of the scheduled functions.

Ms. Sandy Hart came forward to address the SEC. She thanked the SEC for moving forward on this issue, and provided information on the County's chicken-keeping program which may be expanded in the near future. She offered her assistance in locating a volunteer chicken.

AVA Cole asked if the SEC would recommend the pilot programs to the Village Board in October, after the public forum. The consensus of the SEC was that they would do so. Member Danly asked that the public forum be advertised on the Farmers' Market Facebook page. AVA Cole said he would relay the request.

Co-Chair Rener asked if the SEC had any final thoughts on the proposed pilot programs. Seeing none, Co-Chair Rener provided his own comment. He believes the current ordinance does not adequately define chicken runs, but that it should require the homeowner provide an enclosed run or a yard fully enclosed by a fence. This ensures that the chickens may exercise without running at large. The SEC discussed the proposal and its consensus was in favor of the change. The SEC had no additional comments regarding the pilot program for beekeeping.

#### **B. Discussion of Next Goals / Tasks To Be Considered**

Co-Chair Rener provided an overview of the item. As the SEC is approaching the completion of its work on a pilot program for chicken and bee keeping, it should decide upon its next priorities.

Member Brady said that President O'Hara had previously recommended the SEC focus on the beautification aspect of its mission, particularly at the intersection of Green Bay and Route 176. Co-Chair Rener agreed that should be an upcoming priority.

Member Leutwiler provided two thoughts. First, she said that she is surprised that the Village does not provide adequate recycling on the Village Green. Second, she has been contacted by community members who are willing to help accomplish any tasks of the SEC. If the SEC identifies someone enthusiastic on a particular subject, that subject may be considered sooner than it would otherwise under the SEC's work plan. Member Danly said that this idea of partnering is at the heart of public education and outreach.

Member Sorensen said that she is concerned about weather events after recent Village and national natural events. First, she believes that the SEC should learn more about the Village's plans for natural disasters. Second, she discussed stormwater management issues in Houston and how the loss of natural areas and wetlands contributed to Hurricane Harvey flooding. Co-Chair Rener discussed the idea of resiliency in the work plan, as well as the emergency preparedness plan and his work to incorporate generator emergency power at Park District and School District buildings to support their role as emergency shelters. The Village should also review standards for the infrastructure it is building today.

Co-Chair Rener said that community gardens and food are also an important topic for consideration.

Co-Chair Rener summarized the SEC's discussion on upcoming goals and tasks. His impression is that the SEC wishes to focus on recycling promotion and community beautification soon, and later consider resiliency and storm event preparedness. The consensus of the SEC was to proceed in this manner.

AVA Cole asked for more detail about the SEC's interest in recycling programs. Co-Chair Rener stated that he approved of the Village's recent updates and public outreach regarding the new Groot contract. AVA Cole provided details regarding the Girl Scouts' recent fundraiser to provide an additional recycling bin on the Village Green. Member Danly discussed the Committee's listed priority of reducing disposable bag usage, and Member Sorensen discussed other aspects of

recycling. Co-Chair Rener said that the SEC should discuss recycling broadly in its upcoming meetings with the goal of narrowing it down to two or three action items. He said that additional communication pieces may also merit discussion, as well as recycling and composting of food waste by the Village's schools. The committee discussed acceptable food waste for composting. Member Brady said that, when he was at the Middle School, there were recycling bins in classrooms but most food waste was being thrown away. Co-Chair Rener asked that Staff provide information regarding the School's recycling programs; provide an update on business recycling efforts; provide the number and location of recycling bins in Lake Bluff; and provide examples of any initiatives in Lake County regarding disposable bags (e.g. Highland Park's ordinance).

Member Leutwiler asked that the SEC's priority item list be amended to identify Lake Bluff Open Lands as a partner in the implementation of the Invasive Species item.

**7. Village Staff Report**

AVA Cole had no report.

**8. Member's Report**

Member Brady said that he had recently visited the campus of Dartmouth University and their sustainable farm. He met a structural engineering professor who focuses on sustainable engineering. He has contact information for this individual as well as the head of Dartmouth's sustainable farm.

Member Sorensen reiterated that others are willing to support the SEC's work and are looking forward to the SEC's recommendations.

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

Co-Chair Rener discussed changes in bike sharing models and the emergence and success of "dockless" bike sharing systems. The committee discussed bicycling in the Village generally, as well as the status of a bridge replacement project for the bicycle path.

**10. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Glen Cole  
Assistant to the Village Administrator