

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes July 29, 2021

Conducted Remotely

Commission Members Present: Laura Derks (Chair), Mark Goldberg, Stephen Morales, Crystal Hodges

Staff Liaison Present: Mindy Agnew, Sustainability Coordinator

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Derks.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** A Motion was made to approve previous meeting minutes with a revised clarification from Commissioner Morales and unanimously approved with none opposed.
- 3) **Public Comment:** Public Comment was shared from resident Lucy Byrne on Leaf Blowers.

New Business:

iGov Event: Chairperson Derks discussed the iGOV annual forum of taxing bodies that will be held on September 18 from 9-11:30 a.m. The topic is Climate Change with panel discussions and break-out sustainability topic sessions.

Green Awards: Opportunity to revise form to include more options for nominations. Crystal will work with Laura and send any recommended changes.

Leaf Blower Ordinance: Winnetka gas powered leaf blower ordinance circulated by Chair Derks as an example. It was clarified that President Scaman assigned this item to the EEC for the future community engagement process when we hire the Comprehensive Sustainability and Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (S/CARP) consultant to coordinate future policy recommendation discussions. No action needed for this meeting. There is time to do more research. Commissioner Morales offered to take that on.

Old Business:

Update on choosing consultant for the Comprehensive S/CARP: The RFP went out and proposals were submitted to the Village of Oak Park. When the vendor is selected, one of the items will include a comprehensive review of GHG inventory and additional expertise advisory. An overview of the approved 2021 budget and recent amendments for sustainability was provided with additional clarification forthcoming as the next budget cycle for 2022 continues. The current Sustainability budget amendments were included in the Board meeting on March 22, 2021.

Discussion introduced about the America Rescue Plan and infrastructure plan and Commissioner Morales suggested the commission can play a role in funding recommendations.

- 4) **Adjourn:** At 6 p.m. a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

The next EEC meeting will be August 24, 2021.