

**MINUTES**  
**INNOVATION, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**  
**June 28, 2022**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**

**CALL TO ORDER BY:** Chairperson Strickfaden at 6:35 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nikolas deWit, Aaron Paluzzi, David Richardson, Nick Rudofski, Matt Strickfaden, Jennifer Whitteaker

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Erin Quetell, Mark Zachos, Jon Aldred

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joe Valentine, Assistant City Manager

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Paluzzi Support by deWit to approve the agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Motion by Paluzzie, Support by Whitteaker to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022 as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion on a project in the City of Farmington

Member Richardson reported he tried to contact the builders for the project in Farmington for details on the project and has not yet heard back. He would like to request rain gardens and have two buildings constructed as all electric. He will report back at the next meeting.

Review and discuss committee member ideas and rankings for developing objectives

The committee reviewed the process discussed at the last meeting for moving forward.

Member deWit shared his narrative write-up on community gardens and reviewed it with the committee. The committee liked the format and recommended using it for all topics.

Chairperson Strickfaden suggested the need for an educational element to promote these initiatives.

The committee requested locations for existing community gardens and share with the committee. The Assistant City Manager will collect this information and report back.

Member Whitteaker suggested including metrics to rate success of the initiatives.

The committee discussed how to make community gardens easy to implement and the following suggestions were offered.

- Provide a rule guide such as communities like West Bloomfield do along with clear code requirements on how to properly construct and operate them.

- Consider promoting community gardens to neighborhood associations which could be built and maintained by the respective associations in their common open spaces on private property.

The committee will plan to review a first draft of their report to City Council at their next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Strickfaden adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Minutes drafted by: Joe Valentine for Secretary deWit.