

MINUTES
INNOVATION, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
APRIL 12, 2022
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

CALL TO ORDER BY: Assistant City Manager Valentine at 6:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Aldred, Nikolas deWit, Aaron Paluzzi (arrived 6:46 p.m.), Erin Quetell, David Richardson, Nick Rudofski, Matt Strickfaden, Jennifer Whitteaker, Mark Zachos

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Valentine, Assistant City Manager; Ashlie Smith, Nature Center Supervisor; Bonnie Hollander, Education/Sustainability Coordinator

All members gave a brief background of themselves and introduction.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Quetell, Support by Strickfaden to approve the agenda as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

No action taken as this is the committee's first meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

Appointment of Chairperson

Motion by Zachos, Support by Aldred to appoint Matt Strickfaden as Chairperson.

Motion carried unanimously

Appointment of Secretary

Motion by deWit, Support by Quetell to appoint Nikolas deWit as Secretary.

Motion carried unanimously

Review of Establishing Resolution

The committee reviewed the establishing resolution for the committee to confirm an understanding of their scope.

Review prior sustainability efforts and future initiatives

A presentation was provided on prior and current city efforts involving innovation and sustainability. Ashlie Smith and Bonnie Hollander provided an overview of the city's former Green Efforts Committee, Committee for Environment, Energy & Sustainability (CEES), and Sustainable Farmington Hills. Aaron Paluzzi provided an overview of the former Broadband Task Force and Joe Valentine provided an update on the City's efforts with SciFi Networks to install a high-speed fiber network throughout the community.

As a next step for the committee, Chairperson Strickfaden suggested each committee member identify 2 to 3 ideas that could be considered by the committee and bring them to their next meeting. The committee concurred with this approach.

Member Quetell suggested the committee develop a definition for sustainability to help the committee move forward and look at metrics for success.

Member Zachos emphasized his desire to ensure the business community was included in the efforts going forward.

Set committee meeting dates

The committee discussed future meetings dates and concluded the second and fourth Tuesdays should be held.

April 26

May 10, 24

June 14, 28

July 12,26

August 9

Motion by Quetell, Support by Paluzzi to set a meeting schedule of the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6pm.

Motion carried unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Strickfaden adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Minutes drafted by: Joe Valentine for Secretary deWit.