

# ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2022

### Conducted Remotely

Commission Members Present: Laura Derks (Chair), Carly Provost-Rizor, Liz Lukehart, Mark Goldberg, Cassandra West, Darryl Baker.

Commission Members Absent: Stephen Morales, Lisa Boone.

Staff Present: Marcella Bondie Keenan, Sustainability Coordinator and Erica Helms, Sustainability Fellow.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Derks at 5:30p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** A Motion was made to approve the agenda and it was unanimously approved with no revisions.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A Motion was made to approve previous meeting minutes, it was unanimously approved with none opposed.
4. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
5. **Agenda Items:**
  - **Chair/Staff Liaison Report:**
    - Chairperson Derks introduces new commissioner Carly Provost-Rizor who works at UIC as Superintendent of Grounds and is a new resident to Oak Park.
    - Mindy Agnew has resigned from the Village, Marcella Bondie Keenan is now serving as the interim Staff Liaison. Sustainability Fellow Erica Helms will be helping out as well.
    - Marcella Bondie Keenan provides updates about upcoming Earth Month activities and asks for a volunteer to work a Climate Plan table at Scoville Park. Liz Lukehart offers to help.
    - In May, the Climate Plan consultant will meet with commissioners to present and receive feedback on Climate Plan draft strategies. Marcella Bondie Keenan needs to determine whether any quorums will be present, and asks commissioners to RSVP.
    - Staff provide general updates on EEC administration, the Climate Plan and community engagement.
  - **Conversation on Climate to Provide Input for the Oak Park Climate Plan:**

- EEC commissioners individually take the Oak Park Climate Plan community survey on the community engagement website, to identify their top three climate plan priorities. The consensus is that energy efficiency is a top priority overall, and is selected as the focus of tonight's discussion.
  - EEC commissioners discuss Oak Park's strengths, challenges, affordability, and solutions for energy efficiency. Staff document EEC input via the Oak Park Climate Plan comment map on the community engagement website.
  - EEC commissioners discuss the top energy efficiency solutions to recommend for the Climate Plan. Consensus is reached on 2 solutions: A comprehensive website that offers technical and financial resources on prioritizing climate solutions and a list of contractors; and a focused initiative on onsite renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements for the biggest energy users and institutions.
  - EEC commissioners discuss funding priorities across all Climate Plan impact areas. Staff document the consensus via the Oak Park Climate Plan budget game on the community engagement website.
- **New Business:**
    - Green Awards are being sent out next week.
    - There is an opening for another commissioner. It is possible for them to be a high school student.
- **Adjourn:** At 7:00 p.m. a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.