

**Village of Oak Park
Environment & Energy Commission (EEC) – Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2018**

Location: Village of Oak Park Village Hall Room 124

Attendees: Nick Bridge (Chair), Elizabeth Judson (Commissioner), Matthew Alvarez (Commissioner), Stephen Morales (Commissioner), Townsend Bailey (Commissioner), Laura Derks (Commissioner) Mindy Agnew (Sustainability Coordinator and Staff Liaison)

Call to Order: 7:10pm – The July 11, 2018 meeting of the Village of Oak Park Environment & Energy Commission (EEC) was called to order.

- Mindy Agnew distributed the agenda and minutes. Minutes were reviewed and discussed by the committee members.

MOTION: A motion to approve the minutes as written, Commissioner Judson seconds the motion. No Further Discussion. Motion carries.

Agenda Item: Chairperson’s Report

- Chairperson Nick Bridge provided a recent update on talking with D97 and D200 representatives about prospective renewable energy options for the schools. No plans in the near future were under consideration.

Agenda Item: Disposable Straws

PUBLIC COMMENT: Beverly Graham of the League of Women Voters addressed the Environment and Energy Commission with information about the plastic straw reduction initiatives and meetings they have undertaken locally with cooperative businesses. Beverly offered continued assistance and collaboration in moving this issue forward in the Village of Oak Park.

- Commissioners Stephen Morales and Elizabeth Judson discussed general research on what other communities have done. Stephen provided an overview of a general outline of recommendations to the Village Board created from feedback based on meetings with active community contacts on the subject.

MOTION: Stephen Morales presented a motion for staff to request an agenda item for the EEC to present a full report of recommendations to address disposable straws. Commissioner Alvarez seconds the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries.

Agenda Item: LED Streetlights Survey

PUBLIC COMMENT: Stasia Jamell, longtime resident of Oak Park addressed the EEC with concerns about Blue Light Spectrum choices, and presented hard copy research facts to the EEC Chair about the LED lighting.

Chairperson Nick Bridge presented an update on conversations he and a local lighting expert had with Public Works staff about additional lighting options and prospective sample installation and cost.

The Commission and attendees were informed the LED light installation feedback survey posted on July 6 for residents is still available through the fall of 2018. <https://www.oak-park.us/news/village-testing-more-efficient-streetlights>

Agenda Item: Pesticide Free yard signs for Deep Roots Project

Chairperson Nick Bridge was informed the EEC would need to gather the information needed to present a budget request item to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Agenda Item: Green Awards Timeline and Nominations

Staff liaison Mindy Agnew shared the website nominations form information <https://www.oak-park.us/news/nominations-being-sought-community-awards-and-September-30>, and that September 30, 2018 will be the nominations deadline. Commissioner Townsend will assist with coordination of the Green Awards Nominations.

Agenda Item: Public Comment No forms submitted

MOTION:

A motion was made to adjourn, Commissioners Judson and Alvarez seconds the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.