

**Village of Oak Park
Environment & Energy Commission (EEC) – Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2018**

Location: Village of Oak Park Village Hall Room 124

Attendees: Stephen Morales (Acting Chair), Elizabeth Judson (Commissioner), Townsend Bailey (Commissioner), Laura Derks (Commissioner), Scott Friesen (Commissioner), Mindy Agnew (Staff Liaison)

Call to Order: 7:05pm – The November 6, 2018 meeting of the Village of Oak Park Environment & Energy Commission (EEC) was called to order.

- The October 2, 2018 minutes were reviewed and discussed by the committee members.

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

Agenda Item: Chairperson’s Report

- Chairperson Bridge was not present. Acting Chairperson Morales reviewed the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Agenda Item: Staff Report – Discussion / Action Items

Mindy Agnew, Staff Liaison, gave an update on the aggregation program and community solar. The Commission and acting Chairperson discussed the new energy supplier MC squared, community solar, subsidy with the new energy supplier, and the current versus future sustainability fund use. The commission requested that the village manager provide the commission with advanced notice of Trustee meetings that are going to require commission input relevant to the workplan submitted and approved by the board of trustees.

Agenda Item: Disposable Plastics/Straws report update

Commissioner Morales gave an update on regulating use of plastic straws, ordinance on single use plastic straws, and a discussion with Steve Drazner, the Village’s Chief Financial Officer, in Finance regarding inventory of plastic straws and single use plastics.

The Commission discussed concerns with fraud, engaging businesses, and fines for small businesses. Challenges for restaurants already reducing plastics, having input from restaurants, creating a strategic plan and the differences between an ordinance with fine and collecting data was also discussed.

The Commission agreed by next meeting there would be 5-10 slides created on reducing single use plastics that will be given to the Village Board for final recommendation/ordinance.

Agenda Item: Green Awards Nominations

Commissioner Bailey gave an update on the Green Awards nominations speaking about the preciously discussed nominees and the new nominees since last meeting. Commissioner Bailey, with input from the Commission, decided there will be seven awards given and three honorable mentions.

Agenda Item: Pesticide free yard signs collaboration update

Mindy gave the Commission an update on the pesticide free yard signs. Chairperson Bridges will work on this item.

MOTION:A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Friesen and Commissioner Bailey seconds the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.