

Energy and Environmental Commission Meeting Notes October 26, 2020

In attendance were EEC Commissioners Julie Wolf, Bill Muno, Joel Feinstein, April Cessaretti, Amanda Ault, and Arthur Haut. Village staff in attendance were John Adler, Kate Amoruso, and Alex Arteaga.

Public comments were provided by Linda Kurtz, representing Go Green Wilmette and from Karen Glennemeier, representing the League. Both voiced support for a regular EEC meeting schedule for 2021. Linda highlighted the opportunities provided by community solar in IL and volunteered GGW as a collaborator to develop educational materials and otherwise be a resource to the EEC. Karen emphasized that Renewable Energy Certificates drive clean energy generation beyond what is required by state law. Karen asked what EEC action-oriented involvement would look like and what role the EEC would play in achieving the goals specified in the Plan. Responses were as follows:

- Alex commented that the EEC is an advisory board but can draft plans and recommendations to the Village.
- Bill Muno suggested that prioritizing the action items recommended in the Sustainability Plan would be an important EEC contribution.
- Chair Julie commented that the EEC could recommend code changes that support the goals in the plan.

The next meeting date has not yet been set but is planned for early December.

The EEC adopted the following timeline for Plan completion and submission to the Trustees:

Nov 8th – target for all Commissioners to provide finalized chapters to Alex and to complete their respective sections of the GRC2 spreadsheet. Alex will then compile the final draft report

Nov 16th – Final draft report is sent to Village Staff, Water Management, Community Development, and Engineering & Public Works for review. They have 2 months to review and provide feedback (target Jan 16 2021)

Early Feb 2021 – EEC meets to revise Plan based on received feedback

March 2021 – revised final draft Plan is sent to Administrative Committee for review

April 2021 – EEC meets to review and process feedback from Administrative Committee

May 2021 – Plan is sent to Village Trustees for approval and activation

Commissioner Feinstein recommended that the EEC endorse the Master Bike and Transportation Plan by submitting a letter to the Village Trustees. To move this forward, all Commissioners agreed to review the plan and to meet again in early December to discuss and then endorse the Plan as appropriate. The MBAT plan is scheduled to be reviewed by the Trustees in Q1 2021

Commissioners agreed that work on specific elements of the Sustainability Plan can and should begin this year and need not wait for final adoption of the plan by the Village Board.

The EEC currently has two open positions and is seeking qualified individuals to apply.