

**MINUTES**  
**Sustainability Committee**  
**December 15, 2021**  
**Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at City Hall in Crystal Lake.

**2. Roll Call/Attendance**

Present were the following committee members: Emilie Hoffman, Terry Dieckhoff, Jen Oliver, Nicky Strahl, and Cordell Crane. Members of the public in attendance were Dean Farr, Stephen Platt, and Assistant to the City Manager Nick Hammonds.

**3. Public Comment**

Stephen Platt and Dean Farr were in attendance for the meeting.

**4. Approval of the Minutes from November 17, 2021**

Emilie Hoffman moved to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2021 meeting. Cordell Crane seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed.

**5. Greenest Region Compact (GRC): Green Business Designation Program**

Nick Hammonds stated that the GRC application is open and one business has submitted an application. Another article will appear in the January newsletter to help promote the program. Emilie Hoffman and Jen Oliver discussed the program and asked if a social media post will be created. Nick Hammonds stated that he will submit a draft post to go on the City's Facebook.

**6. Mayors Monarch Pledge Review**

Stephen Platt discussed the Mayor's Monarch Pledge website and how every town has their profile shown. Nick Hammonds stated he will send a link to the City's profile to the Committee. The City anticipates committing for the 2022 year in January.

**7. Open Discussion**

Nick Hammonds stated that Samantha Zurawski has resigned from the Committee. The Committee wished her well in her future endeavors.

Jen Oliver stated that she is still working on the proposed mural project for the blank wall at Dole Avenue and Route 14. She also proposed the Committee could install and maintain a native garden in the grassy area next to the street and the wall. The Committee discussed recent work at the old gas station site. Nick Hammonds stated that he has not heard of any proposed developments at the property at this time. Stephen Platt asked if the mural project could fit into an action item for the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. Nick Hammonds will review the action items to verify if this project could satisfy a requirement.

Nicky Strahl discussed the proposed Amazon warehouse off of Main Street. She discussed the requirements for site assessments and environmental impacts studies. Nicky further discussed the

possibility of having the company follow LEED certification requirements. The Committee discussed impacts on the environment and traffic from the development, and the possibility of solar panels at the proposed facility.

Emilie Hoffman stated that the Committee could post a list of guests for the year to help attract interest for the Committee. Nick Hammonds stated that he will be attending the Sustainability Summit in January and will have a chance to meet with environmental organizations in the area. Terry Dieckhoff shared the registration information for the summit for any members who would like to attend.

Jen Oliver inquired about iShop and runs the account. Nick Hammonds stated he will look into this. Nicky Strahl discussed Shop Illinois and will share information with the Committee. Jen Oliver stated that Visit McHenry County has a 'McHenry County Makers' group, however, the same few businesses are often showcased.

Emilie Hoffman stated that having Green Business Designation applicants attend a Committee meeting would help to get insight on local businesses' efforts. Nick Hammonds stated that the Committee can invite applicants to attend meetings in the coming months.

The Committee discussed the Crystal Lake Parks Initiative Foundation, which is currently fundraising for a roller hockey rink. The Foundation is associated with the Park District and assists with fundraising efforts. Nick Hammonds will reach out to the Park District for more information about the Foundation. Emilie Hoffman suggested they could attend a meeting as well.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**9. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Cordell Crane moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Nicky Strahl seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.