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SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1) Call to order

a. Roll Call

Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were White, Beheler, Saltes, Butosov, Halverson and Youth In Government Student Ethan Fendrick. Absent: Danz and Gottwald. Also Present Administrator Owen.

2) Agenda Items

a. Consideration of February 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Beheler, second by Halverson to approve the February 28th, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

b. Consideration: Proclamation recognizing No Mow May

Administrator Owen introduced the No Mow May proclamation as a way to encourage residents to leave plants that are beneficial to pollinator species. He added that he felt participants should register with the Village so we know who is participating and who is just now mowing for our enforcement staff. Carolyn White of the Mounds View Garden Club spoke in favor of the proclamation and explained why she requested the Village consider adoption. Carolyn White informed the committee that they are working with Mark It on getting signs for participants and offered to assist the Village with registration. Chair White suggested changing the words "wild animals" in the 2nd Whereas to "wildlife". Motion by Beheler to approve the No Mow May Proclamation, second by Saltes. Motion carried.

c. Discussion/Recommendation Pollinator Garden Promotion

Beheler introduced a citizen request that the Village consider adding a pollinator ordinance which would promote natural habitat and natural plantings to provide year-round pollinator habitat. Elizabeth Grabe spoke in favor of the ordinance as a resident that has planted natural plantings and as a realtor who sees the benefit to homeowners. Motion by Saltes to form an adhoc committee to draft an ordinance allowing natural habitat and native plantings in the Village, seconded by Butosov. Motion

carried. Beheler and Saltes volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee.

- d. Discussion/Presentation: Sustainable Energy Usage in Mount Horeb
Beth Carlson, Senior Energy Services Representative for WPPI Energy provided a presentation on WPPI's relationship with Mount Horeb, their overall energy portfolio including renewables resources, the total Village energy usage and the Village usage statistics for village buildings. Carlson highlighted efforts by the utility and residents to reduce energy usage and promote the use of renewable sources.
- e. Discussion on April 19 Sustain Dane/ SNR Program
White informed the committee that after our last meeting Sustain Dane contacted him about a joint event, so they are partnering with us on the April 19th event. The main theme of the meeting will be to highlight Mount Horeb businesses, residents and organizations that have been successful with sustainability efforts. The meeting will be held upstairs at the Grumpy Troll from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. The committee discussed important civic groups and organizations for us to invite to attend to promote the committee's efforts.
- f. Review/Discuss SNR Survey for Election Day
The Committee reviewed the draft survey developed by White and Gottwald with edits by Beheler. The committee felt the survey looked great. The Chamber will help by sending out the survey in an electronic form. White is looking for volunteers to distribute the paper copy on election day. Motion by Halverson, second by Beheler to recommend approval of the survey. Motion carried.
- g. Discussion/Consideration: 2nd Installment of SNR Article
The committee discussed the article prepared by Beheler. The consensus was it looked good. The committee discussed options for future articles. White informed the group that he would like to partner with Sustain Dane to highlight the April 19th event. Motion by Saltes, second by Halverson to approve the article. Motion carried.
- h. Update on Energy Innovation Grant Program Application
Administrator Owen reported that we did not receive the EIGP Grant. The application process was very competitive and some impressive projects were improved. He added we can continue our conversation with Slip Stream on other opportunities. White read an email from Kathy Kunz providing some suggestions on how to proceed.

3) Meeting adjournment.

Motion by Halverson, second by Saltes to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:46 p.m.