MINUTES
Sustainability Committee
September 13, 2017
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on September 13, 2017 the Municipal Complex in Crystal Lake.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

Present were the following Committee members: Pat Dieckhoff, Terry Dieckhoff, Chair Scott Hennings, Bethany Austin, John Kavalunas, Lehn Shepherd and Ryan Petit. Also in attendance was Assistant to the City Manager Melanie Nebel.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of the Minutes from July 19, 2017

Committee Member Pat Dieckhoff moved to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2017 meeting. Member Shepherd seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed.

V. Membership Requirements Discussion

The Committee discussed amending the membership requirements to include working in the City limits of Crystal Lake. An amendment that would require at least 6 members of the Committee to reside in Crystal Lake was also discussed if the first option was not acceptable to the City Council.

Member Austin moved to approve a request to the City Council amending membership requirements to include working in the City limits of Crystal Lake, with a second option that would require at least 6 members of the Committee to reside in Crystal Lake if the first option was not acceptable. Member Pat Dieckhoff seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed.

VI. Bike with Your Neighbor Event

The Committee reviewed the Bike with Your Neighbor Event, setting a date of June 10, 2018 at noon for next year's event. Chair Hennings will email the Crystal Lake Park District to confirm the addition of a bike rodeo at the event.

The Committee asked staff to include Save the Date event information in the City's newsletter and on social media beginning in February to help get the word out.

VII. Johnny Appleseed Festival

The Committee will have a booth at the festival again this year. Members discussed options for booth displays, including a raffle for a thermostat, rain barrel display and information, seeds, bike route information, book marks and ComEd giveaways. Members also finalized a working schedule for the booth.

VIII. Greenest Region Compact 2 Update

The Committee directed staff to schedule meetings with department heads to discuss what the City is doing to meet goals of the compact. It is hoped that staff can attend future meetings to review to help the Committee better determine focus areas.

In addition, members discussed past efforts and areas of interest including the Bicycle Friendly Community Designation. The Committee directed staff to invite City Planner Elizabeth Maxwell and City Engineer Abby Wilgreen to the October meeting to review and refocus on this project.

IX. Draft Climate Change Resolution Discussion

Members reviewed examples of resolutions urging action on climate change by the City Council. Prior to making a recommendation, the Committee asked staff to ask for direction from the City Manager and City Council regarding the resolution.

X. Open Discussion

Pat Dieckhoff shared information regarding the 2017 Illinois Solar Tour on October 7, 2017 with the group. Six sites are included on the tour, including Committee Member John Kavalunas' home.

In addition, Pat Dieckhoff shared information regarding the Green Living Expo at McHenry County College on November 4, 2017.

XI. Adjourn

There being no further business, Member Austin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Member Pat Dieckhoff seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.