

**MINUTES**  
**INNOVATION, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**  
**APRIL 26, 2022**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**

**CALL TO ORDER BY:** Chairperson Strickfaden at 6:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jon Aldred, Nikolas deWit, Erin Quetell, David Richardson, Nick Rudofski, Matt Strickfaden, Mark Zachos

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Aaron Paluzzi, Jennifer Whitteaker

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joe Valentine, Assistant City Manager; Bonnie Hollander, Education/Sustainability Coordinator

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Quetell, Support by deWit to amend the approval the agenda to add an action item changing the start time of the meetings to 6:30 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Motion by Zachos, Support by Richardson to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022 as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Change Starting Time of Committee Meeting

Member Quetell suggested a start time of 6:30 P.M. may be easier for members and welcomed input. The committee concurred.

Motion by Rudofski, Support by Richardson to change the start time of the meetings to 6:30 P.M..

Motion carried unanimously

Presentation of Committee Priorities

Chairperson Strickfaden suggested each member take six minutes to present their three ideas to the committee. The intent is to try to get to the top three ideas and gather others for further discussion over the next two years of the committee's charge. He suggested using ranked choice voting from 21 to 1. The committee discussed alternatives and liked the idea of having everyone present their ideas and score them for collective review. It was concluded the scores did not have to be compiled during the meeting, but should be provided to the Assistant City Manager by May 3<sup>rd</sup> so they could be compiled for the next meeting.

The members went around the room and presented their top ideas.

Member deWit suggested focusing on the implementation of community gardens around the city and grocery composting/

Member Richardson suggested adding a 600,000 to 700,000 solar panel PV system on the HAWK, electrifying multifamily projects, and creating district geothermal programs.

Member Aldres suggested funding electric vehicle charging stations and consider incentives for level 2 and fast chargers, review the Orchard Ridge Campus at Oakland Community College for land use opportunities to integrate ideas, and establish DTE metric tracking for the community.

Member Zachos suggested incentivizing business and residential recycling and utilize energy savings to invest in new sustainability efforts on the third floor of the HAWK.

Member Quetell suggested conducting an ordinance audit for solar, electric vehicles, code enforcement, site planning and redevelopment ready community efforts. She also suggested conducting a policy audit to capture best practices and review city facility energy conversion for items such as street lights and facilities.

Member Rudofski suggested electric vehicle infrastructure expansion, native plant policy review and a pollinator program for native and other plants.

Member Strickfaden suggested constructing an environmental education plot at Heritage Park to evaluate the effect on the ecosystem from the local animal population, offer life enhancement skills such as online programs and video courses for public education, and projection mapping to display artful images on buildings as a way to create a sense of place.

The Assistant City Manager offered to send out a template the committee could use to provide their respective scores.

The committee discussed the opportunity for those that were absent from the meeting to present their ideas at the next meeting and amend the composite tabulation accordingly.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Strickfaden adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Minutes drafted by: Joe Valentine for Secretary deWit.