

Village of Westchester Green Residents Of Westchester (GROW) Ecological Commission Meeting

Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 @ 6:30 PM @ Virtual Meeting Room

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Recorder: E. Slavic


Item	Description	Discussion	Action / Follow-Up	Responsible Parties	Date Due
Call to Order	N. Molinaro called the meeting to order at 6:41pm	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Review of Minutes	Not Applicable	First Commission Meeting	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pledge	The meeting was started with the pledge of allegiance	N/A	N/A	All	N/A
Stewardship	N. Molinaro	It was decided that meeting attendees would take turns presenting a short inspiration to the group at the start of each meeting with N. Molinaro presenting the inspiration at the next meeting.	Present inspiration at start of next meeting	N. Molinaro	3/3/22
Roll Call	Commissioners in attendance were Kaufman, Kruszynski, Molinaro, Scott and W-Chase as well as Trustee Liaison Slavic. Commissioner Pope joined the meeting @ 7:13pm.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Old Business	Not Applicable	First Commission Meeting	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Business					
Ordinance Approval Updates	Updates from committee and economic to commission and ecological.	Diane 1 year and LeeAnn 3 years	Informational Only	N/A	N/A
Appointment and Terms – Chair, Vice Chair, Recorder - VOTE & HOLD VOTE	Chair - N. Molinaro Co-Chair - L. W-Chase  VOTE - AYES > Commissioner Kaufman	HOLD VOTE - John as Clerk or Recorder/Eco Ally on village website	John confirmation		3/3

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	<p>Commissioner Kruszyński                  Commissioner Scott                  Commissioner W-Chase                  Commissioner Molinaro  <u>Motion Carried Unanimously.</u></p>				
Meeting Dates - VOTE	<p>Meeting dates for 2022</p> <p>VOTE - AYES &gt;                  Commissioner Kaufman                  Commissioner Kruszyński                  Commissioner Scott                  Commissioner W-Chase                  Commissioner Molinaro  <u>Motion Carried Unanimously.</u></p>	<p>2022 Monthly Meetings will be held @ 6:30pm on 2/3/22, 3/3/22, 4/7/22, 5/12/22, 6/2/22, 7/7/22, 8/4/22, 9/1/22, 10/6/22, 11/3/22, 12/1/22</p> <p>In-person Board Room.                  Call in protocols for remote attendance as long as quorum (4) in-person. PDF in Google Drive.</p> <p> Ex A - Westchester - ...</p> <p>Adherence to mask protocol.</p>	Informational Only	N/A	N/A
	In-Person March?	<p>Beginning with the 3/3/22 meeting, we will be meeting at the Village Hall. Applicable Covid mitigation practices will be observed in accordance with state and local requirements.</p>		All	Ongoing
Values Tree - VOTE	<p>GROW EC Values Tree and Word Cloud Results                  Keep as Values Tree</p> <p>VOTE - AYES &gt;                  Commissioner Kaufman                  Commissioner Kruszyński</p>	<p>Like, much slicker than a list. More than just trees available. All important first words we brainstormed.                  Representation of collective values and engage</p>			

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	<p>Commissioner Scott                  Commissioner W-Chase                  Commissioner Molinaro  <u>Motion Carried Unanimously.</u></p>	<p>members of the community. Crest, symbol or emblem. Not a fan of logo, too specific. Inspire as a group not as financial. 136 Stewardship, 134 Sustainability, 129 Transparency, 125 Creativity, 120 Advocate, 119 Conservation, 112 Innovation, 112 Inclusion, 106 Biodiversity, 106 Integrity, 103 Teamwork, 99 Hold Space, 98 Social Ecology, 96 Community, 96 Resilience, 93 Responsibility, 91 Compassion, 87 Honesty, 83 Equity, 82 Fun, 81 Pride, 69 Access</p>			
	How do we use our values tree?				
	Upload to website				
Item 3 Inspiration - VOTE	<p>Addition of Item 3 Inspiration</p> <p>VOTE - AYES &gt;                  Downs                  Commissioner Kaufman                  Commissioner Kruszyński                  Commissioner Scott                  Commissioner W-Chase                  Commissioner Molinaro</p>	<p>Take turns starting with Commissioners and open to public/Eco Allies. Including Trustee Liaison. Cannot replace the pledge conversation. Assigning each Inspiration in prior month.</p>			

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Open Meetings Act		<p>Conversations with more than one commissioner okay just no GROW business. Or GROW business okay paired up. Break up into sub-committees possibilities.</p> <p>Email to share with the team that may be aligned with values. No REPLY TO ALL, not a public meeting. Only reply INDIVIDUALLY.</p>	<p>OMA Training, all commissioners or only liaison.</p> <p>Chat group/email, captured by municipal liaison to record an archive of email. How does this work and can we archive?</p>	Evie	3/3/22 tbd
Eco Ally formation - HOLD VOTE	Form team/group to work together on projects as well as a talent pool for future commissioners.	<p>John a part of the initial setting up of allies. Definition of what this is, official, duties, attending meetings, contributions, volunteers? Volunteers, sub-committee of non-commissioners? No cap and inclusion of the entire Proviso area. Eco Allies to include residents and all who want to get involved and be engaged. Eco Action Day email list and in-person attendance. No access to personal information.</p>	<p>What does the public have access to, all documents? Is an email list public knowledge? Clarification needed from Matt on formation of Eco Allies without releasing information publicly of personal information. Events, discussions how controlled and where kept?</p>	Evie	3/3/22

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<p>Proviso Data</p>	<p>Item G Information of data collected from Proviso, population, Flood Factor, Tree Equity and village Conservation and Sustainability efforts nearby.</p>	<p>Community Rating System was base of data and other tabs were analysis. 2 communities in Proviso a part of CRS a part of for some time but still only a 7 of 10 both us and Maywood. Brookfield is not even part of CRS to save community insurance rates. Flood Factor and risk as well as projected risk. If not the hippy side, then look at the financial side and money savings. Increase to a 1 to get a full discount on insurance rates. Add to Agenda for future deep dive on the how and why.</p>	<p>Add to Agenda, gather data and share publicly more information on what FEMA CRS is and why it's important.</p>	<p>Nicole</p>	<p>4/7/22 or 5/12/22</p>
<p>Call for Budget Items</p>		<p>Budget, reach for the stars, Paul said. Ask for it. Budget set for a year. Not just funds, also resources dn time needed from another department within the municipality, attorney, public works, police, IT, community development, etc. How specific and how much wiggle room? Certain income for certain events depending. Use a</p>	<p>How detailed do we need to be with requesting funds or want to change where the funds go? Educational speakers come to the village. Are events too broad a title? Village resources in hours. Rules of engagement with Plan &amp; Zoning and Jim, Community Development. Can we call a meeting with P&amp;Z?</p>	<p>Evie</p>	<p>3/3/22</p>

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		loose title for a budget item. Important to be a part of the happenings of the village. Plan & Zoning is also advisory like GROW.		All	
Call for Agenda Items		Priorities before the budget or budget before the priorities. First year plan and more data for budget request more success. Balanced budget for first year. Bicycle rides. Eco speaker for educational events. What are we trying to do and how much money do we have? Research on an initiative.	List of Action Items or Accomplishments for the Year. What is our yearly FOCUS? Bring Priorities and Budget items.  Evie to check on protocols and spreadsheet with a history. Was there a prior Environmental Sustainability budget? Does Paul have amount in mind?	All  Evie	3/3/22
Public Participation					
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm				
Next Meeting	March 3rd, 2022 @ 6:30pm				
Adjourn	<p>MOVED by Commissioner Scott - Seconded by Kaufman</p> <p>VOTE - AYES &gt;</p> <p>Commissioner Kaufman Commissioner Kruszyński Commissioner Scott Commissioner W-Chase Commissioner Pope Commissioner Molinaro</p> <p><u>Motion Carried Unanimously.</u></p>				

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