

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, July 1, 2025 @ 6:00pm
Alexa Room – Village Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM.

Members in attendance: Amy Hartsough, Chairperson; Amy Decker; Lorraine Leisenberg; Susan Simmons; Sana Zafer; Hannelore Conley (6:03PM)

Members absent: George Tuhowski; Anna Newell, Trustee; Sheila Schwartz; Alfredo Izquierdo; Chrissy Christian

Others in attendance: Alana Popovic, resident; Aaron Howe, Staff Liaison

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Popvic provided commissioners with an introduction to her background and areas of interest. Commissioners introduced themselves as well.

Chairperson Hartsough provided details of the Green Business Program and an interest in revitalizing the same, provided a commissioner is willing to champion that effort.

Commissioner Decker briefly discussed the Northwest Fourth Fest and guidelines/recommendations that had been provided to food truck operators. Commissioner Decker will upload that document to the Commission's shared drive.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 6, 2025

MOTION by Commissioner Conley; SECOND by Commission Susan; Commissioner Zafer abstains; 5 – 0 AYE.

4. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

i. Village Land Acquisition and Potential Uses/Green Opportunities

Mr. Howe reported that future land use is uncertain; the ongoing Space Needs Study may not include the site in question.

Chair Hartsough raised questions about wetland preservation, pollution prevention, and the use of green aggregation funds.

ii. Comprehensive Plan Update/Hoffman in Motion/Sustainability Plan

The next meeting of the Sustainability Commission is scheduled for August 5, 2025 @ 6:00pm.

Ms. Hartsough requested access to the current Comprehensive Plan and Hoffman in Motion materials for review.

Commissioners discussed the consultants involved in both plans and emphasized the importance of public input.

Noted community engagement activities, to gather feedback on items such as policy priorities, were also discussed.

iii. Bon Appetit Sustainability Interview Update

Cable Television/Community Outreach staff are finalizing edits to the interview filmed during the Bon Appetit event; once complete, it will be posted on the Village's YouTube channel.

iv. 2025 Community Pride Awards Reminder

Mr. Howe reminded commissioners of the ongoing nomination period.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Fourth Fest Updates

Commissioners Leisenberg, Conley, and Hartsough intend to volunteer for the event, with others welcome. Mr. Howe will assist, as needed, with coordination.

Commissioner Conley will prepare reusable containers and yard waste decals as giveaways (containers to collect and transport compost materials at home). Ms. Hartsough will bring materials for guests to participate in a "Next Steps" activity.

b. August 23, 2025 Recycling Event Updates

i. iPass Transponders

Mr. Howe confirmed that iPass transponders will be collected at this event.

ii. Handouts

Commissioners briefly discussed handouts and logistics. Mr. Howe will coordinate with interested commissioners following the August Commission meeting on preparing for this event.

iii. Logistics

c. Green Business Program Revival

Commissioner Zafer is interested in assisting with the revival of this program. Mr. Howe will coordinate with Commissioner Zafer to begin those discussions.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

7. OTHER

Ms. Popovic shared some closing thoughts on the commission meeting and her interests in the community, including public education and recycling.

Ms. Popovic also communicated concerns about the current condition of Brookside Pond, which has lily pad and American Lotus overgrowth. Mr. Howe will communicate this to Public Works.

8. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 7:18PM.