

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 @ 6:00pm
Alexa Room – Village Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Members in Attendance: Amy Hartsough, Chairperson; Amy Decker; Lorraine Leisenberg; Hannelore Conley; George Tuhowski

Members Absent: Chrissy Christian; Anna Newell, Trustee; Susan Simmons; Alfredo Izquierdo

Others in Attendance: Aaron Howe, staff liaison

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public attended this meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 3, 2024 (special meeting)

MOTION by Commissioner Conley; SECOND by Commissioner Tuhowski; 5 – 0 AYE

b. December 3, 2024 (regular meeting)

MOTION by Commissioner Conley; SECOND by Commissioner Tuhowski; 5 – 0 AYE

4. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

a. Groot Service – Upcoming Changes

Mr. Howe provided information to, and recorded questions from, commissioners pertaining to the following:

1. The types of containers that will be permitted for curbside composting;
2. How Groot drivers will identify composting containers;
3. How cross-contamination will be limited;
4. What options are available to residents that already paid for the annual yard waste subscription;
5. The cost of Groot yard waste toters;
6. How composting will be managed during months when Groot does not typically collect yard waste;
7. The number of residents that currently subscribe to the Collective Resources opt-in program; and
8. The size options for Groot compost toters.

The next meeting of the Sustainability Commission is scheduled for February 4, 2025 @ 6:00pm.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Sister Cities Presentation for April 2025

Commissioners held a brief conversation concerning the Sister Cities presentation, which was reviewed in detail at the special meeting held prior to this regular meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Planning for April (Bon Appetit, Earth Month) and Northwest Fourth Fest

Chairperson Hartsough discussed opportunities for the April Bon Appetit event, including working collaboratively with the Chamber of Commerce, encouraging reusable items, and ensuring recycling options are available during the event, possibly at the Sustainability Commission's information booth to be used as an educational tool as well. Ms. Hartsough also proposed a composting container at the Commission's booth along with educational materials about the upcoming Groot contract service changes. Reusable beverage container options were also discussed. In addition, commissioners are interested in informing residents about options to properly dispose of iPass transponders.

Similar ideas were discussed for Commissioner Decker to bring up at a July Fourth Commission meeting.

7. OTHER

Chairperson Hartsough introduced commissioners to Civics for Environmentalists from the Illinois Environmental Council.

8. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 6:47PM.