

**DOWNERS GROVE
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMISSION
April 11, 2019
Village Hall Committee Room
801 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove
7:00 PM**

- I. Roll Call
- II. Visitor Welcome
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Approval of March 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- V. Staff Update on Ongoing Projects
- VI. New Business
 - Discussion: Renaming the commission and reviewing goal of commission
 - Discussion: Creation of ad hoc workgroup *Ad hoc workgroup proposal attached
- VII. Adjournment

The Environmental Concerns Commission

Proposal

Development of Ad Hoc
SubCommittee on
Sustainability

Ellis, Melissa on behalf of the ECC

PURPOSE

The purpose of this proposal is to present the village council reasoning for developing an *ad hoc* subcommittee under the Environmental Concerns Commission (“ECC”) to address ongoing sustainability efforts related to climate change.

CURRENT STATE

Downers Grove currently maintains multiple programs related to sustainability which can be found on the village website at <http://www.downers.us/govt/village-managers-office/sustainability>. It is notable that this resource has not been updated since 2015 although some of the program specific webpages have been updated more recently.

The last Annual Sustainability Report was posted in 2010 which included a 2011 action plan. The village has continued efforts in sustainability beyond 2011 however no metrics are currently being used to measure environmental impact.

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

CLIMATE ACTION WORKGROUP (“CAW”)

The CAW would be comprised of community members and would work in conjunction with the ECC. The following are the goals suggested to the village council for consideration:

1. Assess current environmental concerns within Downers Grove and explore how such concerns can be mitigated
2. Research what other communities are doing and make recommendations for climate action items and provide reasoning for why Downers Grove should adopt
3. Develop metrics associated with identified action items and determine how to gather such metrics
4. Research mayoral pledges related to climate (Downers Grove currently on Monarch Pledge) and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council
5. (Optional) Make recommendations for ordinances with reasoning for why such ordinances can and should be added in Downers Grove

RESOURCES NEEDED

Given that an ad hoc subcommittee would be required to abide by the Open Meetings Act a staff liaison would need to be present at the meetings to take and post minutes. It is possible that the subcommittee could meet on the same night as the ECC meeting once a month.

REQUEST

The ECC requests that village council approve the development of an ad hoc subcommittee entitled Climate Action Workgroup and asks the village to provide any additional terms to the development of such committee.