DOWNERS GROVE

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

Minutes

October 10, 2019

I. Roll Call – Meeting Start: 7:00 p.m.

Staff Liaison Mr. Carlsen asked for a Roll Call:
Present: Commissioner Dantoft, Commissioner Ellis, Commissioner Farley, Commissioner Marron

Absent: Chair Pelloso, Commissioner Bement, Commissioner Kuchar

Staff Member: Mr. Daniel Carlsen

With the absence of Chair Pelloso, Commissioner Farley made a motion to nominate Commissioner Ellis to be the Chair Pro Tem for the duration of the meeting, Commissioner Dantoft seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. Visitor Welcome

No visitors were present at the start of the meeting.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. View and Approval of April 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Marron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Farley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. New Business

Role of Environmental Concerns Commission
Chair Pro Tem Ellis started the meeting stating that Chair Pelloso has been the lead on reviewing the Role of the Environmental Concerns Commission, so there was not an update from the Commission concerning this business, and asked Mr. Carlsen if there is any update on the staff side. Mr. Carlsen stated that Mayor Barnett was planning to attend the Environmental Concerns Commission to visit with the group and discuss the role of the Commission, but was unable to make it due to a work conflict. Mr. Carlsen stated that he will update the group to see if Mayor Barnett will be coming to a meeting at a future date. Mr. Marron said it is extremely important for all ECC members to be present when

the Mayor visits the Commission, and asked Mr. Carlsen if he could notify the group to ensure attendance.

Long-Range Plan Discussion
Commissioner Farley asked if the Commission could discuss the Council discussion on the Village's Long-Range Plan report. Commissioner Farley highlighted the High Priority Action Items that the Village Council will be working on in the next two years. Commissioner Farley stated that the Action Items will take a large amount of staff resources and stated that she attended the meeting and spoke to Council, requesting that Council utilize the ECC strengths, and that the ECC members can assist Council by utilizing their expertise. Commissioner Dantoft stated that is important to give feedback during development and not after the project has been completed. Commissioner Farley stated that the ECC members should keep track of the High Priority Action Items as the projects commence and look for ways to provide input. Commissioner Farley then described the Councils consideration of adding stronger language in regards to environmental sustainability as a strategic goal.

Mr. Carlsen stated that the Council has decided to review the Priority Action Items in Q1 or Q2 of 2020 when most of Action Items scope and schedule is defined, so that Council can review the High Priority Actions again.

Commissioner Dantoft stated that even though the ERP system is a software, there is a lot of environmental impacts with these systems, and would like the ECC to give input on this if possible. Chair Pro Tem Ellis stated that the Facilities Replacement and Sustainability Plan would be something that she would like the ECC to provide input as well.

Chair Pro Tem Ellis stated that the ECC provided Council a proposal for the development of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Sustainability at the beginning of 2019, and asked when the Council would consider the report. Mr. Carlsen stated that the report was submitted to Council as soon as the report was approved by the ECC, and it is up to the Village Council to determine when and how the proposal is considered. Mr. Carlsen did state he would try to get an update to see what the status is on this proposal. Chair Pro Tem Ellis discussed that the ECC members would be able to identify bench mark measurements and policies that other communities have implemented to aid the Village in environmental sustainability.

VI. Staff update on ongoing projects

Yard-Waste Container Requirements for Compost Program
Mr. Carlsen stated that John Clifford, of Republic Services had a family emergency and could not make it to tonight's meeting. Mr. Carlsen stated that the group can use tonight's meeting to generate any questions the group would have about the impact of utilizing private compost bins on Republic Services operations. The ECC could then use Republics responses to these questions as a basis of forming a recommendation on using private bins for compost. Mr. Carlsen stated that he would send the questions out to the other ECC

members who did not make the meeting to give them a chance to add any questions they may have.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Pro Tem Ellis asked for a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Dantoft made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Marron seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.