

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Decorah Sustainability Commission City Council Chambers / City Hall / Electronic

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 5:00 - 6:15 pm

Electronic meeting pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8 – In circumstances where such a meeting is impossible or impractical due to concerns about COVID-19 and social distancing for the safety of Council members and the public.

In support of Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' proclamation declaring a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency, the Decorah City Hall will be open. However, seating will be limited to ensure proper social distancing. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for the April 21, 2021 meeting of the Sustainability Commission. However, the meeting will be made available telephonically. The public will be able to hear and participate in the Commission meeting via the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81760556210?pwd=bEU3NTJ0ZVVZenBmZHVzWWMxdnJadz09>

Meeting ID: 817 6055 6210

Passcode: 596048

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For special accommodations or accessibility, please call City Hall, 563.382.3651 prior to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

Please follow this link to the Commission packet and supporting documentation:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1g15O4JS9zKS8YgA8CVqXUxFiXITpD5co?usp=sharing>

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Consider approval of minutes from the regularly-scheduled Sustainability Commission meeting on March 17, 2021.
 - Attachment: [March 17, 2021 - Sustainability Commission Minutes](#)
3. Discussion and possible action regarding Decorah 2020 baseline feasibility studies:
 - E5 Renewable energy per capita (kW/per capita)
 - Recommendation: Volunteer group to calculate
 - E6 Primary energy consumption (Total \$, units)
 - Recommendation: Volunteer group to estimate via NREL's free State and Local Planning for Energy ([SLOPE](#)) tool
 - E7 Carbon footprint of city and citywide (MT CO₂e)
 - Recommendation: Contract with the University of Northern Iowa's Center

for Energy and Environmental Education. \$2,500.

- o Attachment: [GHG Inventory Agreement Decorah 4-21](#)

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Sustainability Commissions' anticipated expenditures for FY 2021 and FY 2022.
 - Attachment: [Decorah Sustainability Commission Estimated Budget FY 2021 and 2022](#)
 - Attachment: [Decorah Municipal Electric Utility Taskforce Projected Budget Needs](#)
5. Discuss Social Sustainability Items:
 - Housing -- update
 - Childcare - update
 - Vision -- Discuss recommendations for the development of a community vision that includes action step S1: "Adopt equitable community vision statement and values"
6. Discuss Economic Development Action Item ED1: "City-hosted, quarterly community visioning sessions with City, Luther, Banks, Museums, Hospital, and Industry leaders to share needs and opportunities."
7. Other business
8. Adjourn

Purpose

The purpose of the Sustainability Commission shall be to advise the City Council and recommend action on policies and practices that relate to the sustainable use and management of our collective resources, including both human and environmental, as well as our economic resources. The Sustainability Commission will help to ensure that such resources will be sustained and continue to provide for a high quality of life for present and future generations of Decorah doing so by following the processes outlined in the Decorah Sustainability Plan and updating the plan accordingly every 5 years.

Exhibit A

2021 meeting dates

Third Wednesday of each month.

~~January 20, 2021~~ February 17, 2021 March 17, 2021 April 21, 2021 May 19, 2021
June 16, 2021 July 21, 2021 August 18, 2021 September 15, 2021 October 20,
2021 November 17, 2021 December 15, 2021