

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Decorah Sustainability Commission
Wednesday, March 16, 2021, 5:30 - 6:45 pm
City Council Chambers

And via Zoom

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AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of February meeting minutes. [See attachment]
3. Introduction of new members: Jim Tripp and Kevan Klosterwell
4. Updates:
 - a. ED1: April meeting with community leaders on workforce development (Jim M-S and Mayor Borowski)
 - b. CO1: Communications Plan (Ann and Jeremy)
 - c. W3: Recycling in the Business District (Travis/Jeremy Brill)
 - d. AW20: Update on “Beyond Pesticides” program available through Resilient Iowa Communities (Molly McNicoll)
5. Discussion Items:
 - a. Sustainability Plan Sub-Committee Preferences and Tentative Assignments
 - i. Energy: Ben, Jim M-S, Michelle
 - ii. Economic Development: Ben, Kevan, Jim M-S
 - iii. Transportation: Michelle, Aaron, Ann
 - iv. Waste: Jeremy, Jim M-S, Jim Tripp
 - v. Communication & Education: Aaron, Jeremy, Ann
 - vi. Social Sustainability: Aaron, Ann, Molly
 - vii. Clean Air & Water: Michelle, Molly, Jim Tripp

- viii. Land Use: Kevan, Molly, Jim Tripp
 - b. City Council Sustainability Plan prioritization (Mayor Borowski and Emily Neal)
 - c. E7: Review completed 2020 greenhouse gas baseline studies: (Jim M-S)
 - i. Decorah City Government [See attachment]
 - ii. Decorah City-Wide Emissions [See attachment]
- 6. Action Items:
 - a. E8: Consider City Engineer proposal regarding downtown EV Charging locations and related fee structure (Jeremy Brill and Charlie Sylvester) [See attachment]
 - b. E8: Consider City Engineer proposal that the City of Decorah apply for funding via the VW settlement for an additional EV charging facility in the angle stalls on State Street adjacent to Fareway. (Requires 10% match). (Jeremy Brill) [See attachment]
 - b. AW13: Consider two items regarding NRCS Watershed and Flood Prevention Operation (WFPO) program (Michelle Barness)
 - 1. A letter recommending the city consider participating in the WFPO program and providing a brief explanation of the program. [See attachment]
 - 2. A letter requesting initiation of a Preliminary Investigation and Feasibility Report (PIFR) for the City of Decorah HUC 12 subwatershed, to be reviewed and endorsed by the City Council. The letter would be sent to NRCS and the State Conservationist and would essentially initiate the WFPO program application process. [See attachment]
 - c. CO6: Consider Decorah Public Library proposal for the Sustainability Commission to co-sponsor sustainability-related book discussions around Earth Day in April. (Ann and Jim M-S)
- 7. Other Business.
 - a. Discuss possible splash pad by Parks & Rec (Molly McNicholl)
- 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.

2022 Meeting Dates - Third Wednesday of each month, 5:30 – 6:45 PM

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

Link to Sustainability Commission Information:

<https://www.decorahia.org/commission-and-boards>

Link to City of Decorah Sustainability Plan:

<https://www.decorahia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Sustainability-Plan-Decorah-FINAL-MARCH-2020.pdf>