

**City of Norwalk
Ad Hoc Sustainability and Resilience Committee
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2022**

Attendance: Chairman Lisa Shanahan, Josh Goldstein

Staff: Brian Bidolli, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency Executive Director;
Marc Dillon, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency, Katie O'Leary, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency

1) Call to Order

Chairman Lisa Shanahan called the meeting to order at 6:07. There was not a quorum present.

2) Acceptance of minutes from the September 15, 2022 meeting.

Acceptance of the minutes will be postponed until next month's meeting as there was not a quorum present.

3) Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4) Business

a. Sustainability and Climate Action Plan update.

Mr. Bidolli gave an update on the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan. He said the RFP was issued and an information session was held which had a good turnout. There are a number of firms interested in participating.

Mr. Goldstein asked how long it would take from when a contract is signed. Mr. Bidolli gave an estimate of 9-12 month planning period.

Mr. Bidolli presented a matrix of priority projects and shared four potential benchmarks; life quality, resilience, environment and innovation, created by DKSR. DKSR has developed a specific index which is base off The International Organization of Standards (ISO). The ISO standards are considered best practices for resilience and sustainability. They will conduct workshops to determine what the benchmarks mean, how we can continue to assess ourselves, and actionable projects. Mr. Bidolli further discussed the process and benchmarks.

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Norwalk will be among the first communities of its size in the U.S. to implement an overarching plan of this nature.

Ms. Shanahan asked how to benchmark progress made. Mr. Bidolli said we'll get a snap shot of where Norwalk is at and then as a community determine where Norwalk wants to be.

Mr. Goldstein made the point that the goals should be ambitious but still attainable within a reasonable timeframe.

All agree that mobility is at the forefront of progress. If public transportation can be improved to the point of reducing the number of cars but keeping Norwalk competitive, the impact would be huge.

Going forward, the committee would like to hire the consultants by the end of the year.

5) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Shanahan adjourned the meeting at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,
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