



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

An Ordinance Approving a Budget Amendment to Allow Village Co-Sponsorship of the 'GreenTown Conference' in the Amount of \$20,000 and Directing Staff to Prepare the Necessary Agreement

Overview

An ordinance to approve funds to host a GreenTown conference in Oak Park.

Recommendation

Adopt the ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

Staff requests a 'New Funding Budget Amendment' from the 'Sustainability' fund balance to be transferred to Conferences Training - Account No - 2310.41020.101.530650, in the amount of \$20,000.

Background

President Scaman has requested that this sponsorship opportunity for 'GreenTown' come before the Board for discussion and approval. GreenTown is a conference about sustainable development that is co-produced by its founding member organizations, 'Seven Generations Ahead' and 'a5 Branding & Digital'.

Originally hosted in Oak Park, GreenTown conferences have been held since 2007 moving to new locations on an annual basis. The conference has been hosted by communities in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

The purpose of the conference is to be a catalyst for sustainability planning and implementation. Past conferences consisted of expert guest speakers, case studies, and group discussions with a focus on identifying actionable steps towards making healthy, sustainable, and vibrant communities.

Alternatives

- Not adopt the ordinance.
- Seek additional information from staff.

Previous Board Action

- On November 15, 2021, during the Call to the Board and Clerk, President Scaman spoke about visiting

the GreenTown Rockford conference.

- On November 22, 2021, during a discussion of the Sustainability Incubator Board goal, President Scaman recommended that Oak Park host a GreenTown conference, including an Innovation conference track (ID 21-374).

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

- N/A

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

Following approval of the ordinance by the Village Board, direct staff to work with conference co-producers to host a future GreenTown conference in the Oak Park region.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

Other governmental bodies could collaborate with the Village to host the conference.