

2022 Work Plan for Environment and Energy Commission
Supporting Sustainability

2022 Initiatives and Ongoing Projects

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES/METRICS	Owner	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)
EEC Mission: Develop methods to promote recycling and to reduce and manage solid waste	Single-use plastics source reduction	Reduce/eliminate the use of single-use plastics and Styrofoam® through outreach and research to inform Community and Board on future policy(ies). Revisit work from 2/10/2020 motion to the Board. MOT 20-009 – Plastic Free July 2022	Lisa Boone / Stephen Morales	Ongoing & Earth Month 2022	
EEC Mission: Promote energy efficiency and energy conservation	Collaborate with other commissions with CAP overlap	Work closely with Transportation safe/bikeable/walkable community and Building Code commissions on electrification, energy efficiency and weatherization, and any other relevant commission that seeks to collaborate.	Darryl Baker/ Laura Derks	Ongoing 2022	
EEC Mission: Promote energy efficiency and energy conservation	Community Outreach	Promote green infrastructure Including pollinator gardens, bioswales, and sustainable agriculture with the goal of working toward resilient/regenerative food sources in public and private spaces. Combine/collaborate with local resources/organizations.	Liz Lukehart/ Cassandra West/ Lisa Boone	Earth Month 2022	
EEC Mission: Work for a pollution-free environment in Oak Park	Public Outreach and Education	Participate in Earth Month activities and events that include conservation and source reduction education and outreach activities. Explore potential collaborations with nearby communities and neighborhoods through the sister organizations in adjacent communities to Oak Park.	Darryl Baker/ Liz Lukehart	March-April 2022 Adjacent communities ongoing	
EEC Mission: Promotes energy efficiency and energy conservation, works for a pollution-free environment in Oak Park, and develops	Green Awards	Increase community awareness of local efforts that embody the advancement of the Village’s mission toward a sustainable and secure future. Organize, promote, and participate in the annual Green Awards, to recognize specific efforts by individuals, businesses or community organizations.	All	October – December 2022	

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Sustainability Board Goal: Public Campaign to inform residents on energy efficiency resources and retrofits	Public Information Outreach and Education	<p>Promotion and measurement of energy efficiency retrofits, solar promotion/rebates, and improved building performance measures.</p> <p>Increase number of households using energy efficiency retrofits in 2022 compared to 2021.</p>	Stephen Morales Colin Taylor	Ongoing 2022	
Sustainability Board Goal: Specialized expertise for S/CARP	Public Information Outreach and Education	Solicit and deliver input into Climate Plan via 1.) Commission meetings with climate plan consultant GRaEF; 2) Commissioner input via plan engagement website; 3) Plan Ambassador activities using Community Input Kits 4) Advocacy liaisons for community sustainability health and safety issues such as building efficiency and gas-powered lawn servicing	All	Jan – July 2022 then ongoing input	

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Sustainability Board Goal: Generate ideas on sustainably fund growth	Public Information Outreach and Education	Be prepared for advisory or outreach capacity on any Board direction on additional growth of sustainability assets.	Mark Goldberg/ Laura Derks	Ongoing 2022	
Sustainability Board Goal: Focus on Greenways Plan investments	Public Information Outreach and Education	Review initial staff recommendation and work with staff, community and GRaEF with additional input. The Board moved this out of the Sustainably fund budget during the 2022 budget planning process.	All	July-Dec 2022	
Sustainability Board Goal: Report on status of community and pollinator gardens	Public Information Outreach and Education	Be prepared for advisory or outreach capacity on any Board direction on additional growth strategies for community and pollinator gardens.	Liz Lukehart	Ongoing 2022	