

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

### **Decorah Sustainability Commission**

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 5:45 – 7:00 pm**

**Public Meeting Room, Decorah Public Library**

**And via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86058618055?pwd=yMQ3OCLZlpO2cDtuY8EOSOEaVCIRSR.1>

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to order.
  2. Approval of November meeting minutes by Ann Mansfield (attached)
    - a. Jim Martin-Schramm takes minutes at December meeting
  3. Updates
    - a. Future vacancy on commission: Jeremy Leitz
    - b. City Council directive to DSC regarding citizen education about MEU referendum on March 4 (Travis Goedken and Emily Neal)
  4. Action Items
    - a. Establish a Decorah MEU Citizen Education Task Force to design and implement a communications plan per the City Council's instructions and \$15,000 budget.
    - b. Make a recommendation to the Decorah City Council regarding a \$10,000 funding request from Sunflower Child and Development Center.
      - Review Original November 7 email by Stephanie Fromm (attached) regarding Sunflower Child Development and Discovery Center's Funding Request for \$10,000 (attached)
      - Review Response of Stephanie Fromm (12-04-24) to request for more information by the DSC on 11-22-24. (attached)
  5. Discussion Items (as time permits)
    - a. Review proposed draft revisions to the Decorah Sustainability Plan
      - Social Sustainability
      - Waste section
      - Communication and Educational
      - Transportation
  6. Other Business
  7. Adjourn
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## **Decorah Sustainability Commission**

### **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.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- A. Collaborate with city staff to review, evaluate, develop, and advise the City Council on policies and practices regarding the sustainable use and management of resources to include the eight categories or systems outlined in the Sustainability Plan including Energy, Transportation, Waste, Economic Development, Communication and Educational Outreach, Social Sustainability, Land Use, and Air and Water;
- B. Act as a change agent, coordinator, and educator for policies, procedures, and proposals that relate to environmental, social and economic sustainability;
- C. Engage with the Decorah community and serve as a community liaison for issues, ideas, and proposals and provide appropriate feedback;
- D. Cultivate relationships with residents, community groups, businesses, institutions of higher learning, faith-based organizations, outside government bodies, and non-governmental institutions;
- E. Serve as a resource for other Decorah commissions, boards, committees, and task forces on any issues related to sustainability;
- F. Adopt criteria and processes for making decisions about the use of resources and selection of sustainability projects;
- G. Review sustainability proposals and make recommendations; and
- H. Submit written annual work plans and progress reports to the City Council.

### **2024 Meeting Dates - Third Wednesday of each month, 5:45 – 7:00 pm, City Council Chambers**

January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18, 2024

### **Link to Sustainability Commission Information: (Agendas and Minutes)**

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

### **Link to City of Decorah Sustainability Plan:**

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

### Members (Ordered by Term Expiration)

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Preferred Email</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
1	Jeremy Leitz	j_leitz@yahoo.com	01-01-25
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3	Michelle Barness	mlbarness@gmail.com	01-01-28
4	Jim Tripp	tripp@mail2jim.com	01-01-28
5	Hailey Abbey	haileyabbey@gmail.com	01-01-28
6	Jessie Joyner	jessiefla2@gmail.com	01-01-28
7	Molly McNicoll	mcnimo01@luther.edu	01-01-29
8	Aaron Detter	aarondetter@gmail.com	01-01-29
9	Ann Mansfield	amansfield736@gmail.com	01-01-30

### Sub-Committees

<b>Subcommittee</b>	<b>Revised Members (May 2024)</b>
Energy	Jim Martin-Schramm*, Michelle Barness
Transportation	Ann Mansfield, Aaron Detter*, Jessie Joyner
Waste	Jeremy Leitz, Jim Tripp*, Jim Martin-Schramm
Economic Development	Jim Martin-Schramm*, Jessie Joyner
Communications and Educational Outreach	Jeremy Leitz*, Aaron Detter, Hailey Abbey
Social Sustainability	Ann Mansfield*, Hailey Abbey
Land Use	Jim Tripp, Molly McNicoll*
Air and Water	Michelle Barness*, Molly McNicoll

\* Sub-Committee Chair