

VOL CSC Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 05/16/2024 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Ronny Hardaway, Kathleen Yen, Lynn Leopold, Jerry Sheng, Chris Skawski

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM.

FATHOM SUMMARY

VOL CSC/CEC Task Force Meeting - May 16

[VIEW RECORDING - 41 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

[Potential joint task force with town @ 0:02](#)

Jerry Sheng proposed the possibility of forming a joint task force between the village and town to collaborate on climate smart initiatives. Ronny Hardaway expressed openness to the idea but noted the town and village often have different priorities, so they would need to carefully evaluate whether a joint effort would be beneficial.

[Climate resilience planning @ 15:12](#)

Jerry Sheng provided an update on the climate resilience planning process, noting he is waiting on contract renewal from the DEC to continue the work. He requested data from the village on critical infrastructure and demographics to inform the plan. Ronny Hardaway offered to provide information the village has already compiled.

[Comprehensive plan updates @ 20:15](#)

Ronny Hardaway discussed plans to update the village's comprehensive plan, noting it presents an opportunity to incorporate sustainability elements. Jerry Sheng offered to provide guidance on the types of climate-related content the Climate Smart Communities program looks for in comprehensive plans.

[Clean energy and heating/cooling programs @ 27:18](#)

Chris Skawski provided an update on the village's progress in the Clean Energy Communities program, noting they have enough heat pump installations documented to submit for credit. He also followed up on the status of the village's solar farms campaign.

[Waste reduction initiatives @ 31:00](#)

The group discussed potential waste reduction initiatives, such as water fountains to reduce single-use plastic bottles and education campaigns. Ronny Hardaway expressed concerns about the maintenance requirements and liability risks of public water fountains.

Next steps and action items @ 36:00

Ronny Hardaway reviewed outstanding action items and noted he would be unavailable for the June meeting, so the group agreed to skip that meeting and reconvene in July. Kathleen expressed interest in public health and water quality-related initiatives.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.