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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting Agenda

January 8, 2026 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

1. **6:30 - Call to Order**
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Inspiration – Walt**
 - a. Next Month 2/5 -
6. **Review of Minutes – Nikki Way (5 min)**
 - a. Approval of 11/6/25 (Alex) and 12/11/25 (Demitrus) regular meeting minutes
 - b. January Minutes (Mariana)
 - c. Next Month 2/25
7. **Old Business**
 - A. **Quarterly Reports – Nikki Way**
 - ii.Q4 – 2025: Commissioner Way
 - B. **Updates from Village Staff and Board Liasons – (10 min) Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic**
 - C. **Strategic Plan – Nikki Way**
 - D. **Energy Plan – Liz W-Chase**
 - E. **Metrics – Mariana**
 - F. **SBC GRANT - Current Fiscal Years proposals FYE 4/30/25**
 - G. **Upcoming Event Support Needs - Liz W-Chase(10 min)**
 - H. **Event & Education Outreach Proposals**

- a. Climate Action Presentation – Walt
- b. GROW New Media – Demitrus + Annie

I. Newsletter

8. New Business

- a. Next Fiscal Years proposals FYE 4/30/26
- b. Agenda items for next meeting

9. Commission Comments

10. Liaison Comments

11. Public Participation - *In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 8:00 p.m., please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.*

12. Adjournment

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2025 Planning Calendar (One event per month, plan 3 months in advance)						
Month	Event	Point Person	Date	Location	Status	Notes
Dec-25						
<i>Tabling</i>						
Jan-26	Energy Efficiency w/ Tori Woolbright	Liz	9 – 10:30 Jan 17th Inclement weather date Jan 24th		Approved	Set-up on Friday, doors open to public at 8:30 am, Need 2 Commissioners to help run energy efficiency games during event.
<i>Tabling</i>						
Feb-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						
Mar-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						
Apr-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						
TBD	Argonne Lab Tour	Mariana	TBD	Argonne Lab	Approved	Need date
TBD	SBC Field Trip (Commissioners Only)	Spring			Approved	Can we take videos for the new media idea? - Nikki
TBD	Town Hall Meeting over coffee	Walt				Proposal pending
TBD	Climate Action Presentations	Walt				Proposal pending
TBD	Home Electrification	Liz				Proposal pending
TBD Spring?	Waste Collection with SCARCE	Kari				Proposal pending
July 18 th ?	GROW Table /	Liz				Proposal pending

	Native Plant Education at GGG Garden Walk					
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Newsletter Calendar		
Month	Article Topic	Author
Monthly	Plant Based Recipes	Kari
Monthly	Monthly Green Fact	Walt
January 2026	Home Efficiency	
February 2026		
March 2026		

2026 Agenda Calendar (for reference)		
Month	GROW Business	Education topics
January	SBC Stipend Kick-Off	Home Efficiency
February	SBC Stipend Discussion	
March	SBC Stipend Vote	
April		
May	Fourth of July Planning	Native Plants
June		
July		
August		
September		Recycling
October		
November	Strategic Planning	
December	Strategic Planning	