

Ad Hoc Community Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Environment

The Council (Council) of the Village of Friendship Heights (Village) is committed to improving quality of life for its residents through responsible actions that affect the environment and reduce the harmful effects of climate change. To this end, Council created the Ad Hoc Community Committee on Climate Change and the Environment (Committee) at its meeting of October 16, 2023.

The Committee's vision, mission, methods, and services are as follows:

Vision

A Village aware of, and acting to reduce, the personal and organizational factors contributing to climate change and other negative effects on the natural environment.

Mission

The Committee shall keep pace with, and recommend to Council, science-informed and environmental best practices appropriate for adoption by Village government, businesses located within and surrounding the Village, and Village residents.

Committee Methods and Activities

The Committee's meetings shall be open to the public.

Notice of Committee meetings shall be distributed through Village print and social media including the Village's digital billboard.

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or at the written request of a majority of its members.

The Committee shall adopt operational procedures for its meetings as it determines appropriate.

The Committee may solicit and consider the opinions of Village residents or others to inform the Committee's work more broadly.

As requested by the Council Chairperson or following approval by the Council Chairperson, the Committee shall make presentations to the Village Council, including recommendations for action.

Upon approval by the Council, Committee members may assist Village staff and Council members with advocacy directed at local, state, or federal officials in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Appointment of Committee Members

At least a month's notice through digital means and the Village Newsletter shall be provided to seek applications for membership on the Committee.

Applications for membership shall be on a form approved by Council which at a minimum shall request a statement of interest and provide personal and professional background relevant to the work of the Committee.

Committee members shall serve terms consistent with the terms of the Council appointing them. Committee members' terms shall continue until appointment of members by any succeeding Council.

The Mayor of the Village of Friendship Heights (Mayor) shall nominate Committee members for consideration by the Council.

The Mayor may propose, and the Council may consider for membership, those not residing in the Village.

Committee members shall be appointed upon receiving a majority vote of Council members.

Committee membership shall not exceed 11 members.

One member of the Council shall be appointed as non-voting liaison to the Council.

The Committee's Chair shall be elected by majority vote of the Committee members.

Until a Chairman is elected by the Committee, the Mayor with the approval of Council shall appoint a temporary Chair to facilitate the Committee's initial work.

The Village Manager shall provide such reasonable support to the Committee as may be necessary and yet consistent with other demands to conduct the Village Manager's work.