

LWV OPRF League of Women Voters 2023 Observer Report

Village of Oak Park Board Meeting

President and Board of Trustees

January 23, 2023 – 2 hours 52 minutes

Village to Begin Racial Equity Assessment

- The Board received a presentation by Dr. Danielle Walker in anticipation of a Village-wide **Racial Equity Assessment** that will be taking place this year. (23-69) The assessment expects to produce the Village's first ever racial equity action plan.
- After the presentation the Board gave feedback and direction for this assessment, including what are its parameters, what is the definition of race being used, and how the survey will respond to language access needs.
- The Board discussed a report on **Building Decarbonization Policies**. The Village has a goal of zero emissions by 2050, and discussed changing existing policies to further that goal. These changes include the possibility of Electrification, which could require all new buildings to be all electric. (23-27) Several public comments from the Oak Park Climate Action Network also asked the Board to adopt Electrification policies.
- The Board received a presentation on the **Energy Code** with the Chief Building Code Advisory Commission (BCAC). After some discussion on how to proceed, the plan is to move forward with the Zoning Ordinance Amendment, move forward with the Benchmarking Ordinance, and move forward with Electrification sometime in Q2 2023. (23-63)

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