

**CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Common Council Chambers
140 Main Street, Menasha**

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Roger Kanitz at 6:35 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

Members Present: Becky Bauer, Mike Dillon, Roger Kanitz

Members Excused: Linda Stoll, Trevor Frank

Others Present: CDD Greg Keil, PRD Brian Tungate, Park Supt. Bob Huss, Sadie Schroeder

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY BOARD (five (5) minute time limit for each person)

Sadie Schroeder expressed her interest in becoming a member of the committee. She is currently affiliated with Wild Ones.

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

Sustainability Board Minutes, 11/18/08

Motion made by Mike Dillon, seconded by Becky Bauer to approve the minutes of the 11/18/08 board meeting.

The motion carried.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Capital Times Article, 11/26/08, *Home Savings* article

Roger Kanitz commented on possibilities for citizen involvement in conducting home energy assessments with Menasha Utilities.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Report on Lt. Governor's Climate Change conference

This item was held until the next meeting.

2. City Department The Natural Step (TNS) Presentations/Sustainability Policy

CDD Keil is to make arrangements for Mike Dillon and Roger Kanitz to address the departments on the TNS training..

3. Pool Baseline Study-Approach and Timetable

PRD Tungate discussed the technical requirements, feasibility and cost of using solar panels to heat the pool. PRD Tungate is to work-up a proposal involving SCA as a community partner – they will meet Monday Dec. 22 to discuss this. Other considerations, including replacement of the pool roof and boiler, have entered into the overall assessment of the solar installation. Green Sky Technologies has been assisting with the evaluation. The possibility of using a pool blanket was raised. PRD Tungate discussed advantages/disadvantages of pool blankets and reported that the City of Neenah budgeted \$40,000 for a pool blanket. He would like to see how it performs and use that information as part of a future assessment.

Roger Kanitz asked about difficulties in preparing the baseline study for the pool. Park Supt. Bob Huss stated the process was relatively easy, but some areas need deeper consideration. PRD Tungate commented that the process alerted staff to possibilities they hadn't previously considered.

Mike Dillon suggested that a project list – what, how, who, when- be developed for the pool and other projects to better keep track of all project related elements and related actions.

4. Demonstration projects - Stormwater/Water quality, natural landscaping
CDD Keil distributed a plant list and cost estimate prepared by Agrecol for the proposed stormwater pond demonstration project at the East Central RPC office site. The segment of the Friendship Trail bordering Heckrodt Wetland Reserve was suggested by CDD Keil and PRD Tungate as a potential demonstration project for native plantings. – Mike Dillon is to contact Jim Bartz regarding tree planting. Mike Dillon requested a definition of the scope, benefit and costs of the project.

Becky Bauer discussed loss of trees at the High School and discussed possibilities for a stormwater demonstration project at the High School.

5. Walking & Bike Audit
This item was held until the next meeting.
6. Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Ordinance
Motion made by Mike Dillon, seconded by Becky Bauer to draft a NEV ordinance for consideration at the next meeting.
The motion carried.
7. Sub-committee formation

Mike Dillon suggested creating a list of ideas and potential projects. Board members are to create lists independently and bring to the next meeting. They are also to identify persons who may want to be involved in a specific subject area or project.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2025 Resolution and Grant Application
CDD Keil reported that the Administration Committee recommended approval, and the council will be taking action on the resolution at its December 15, 2008 meeting.
2. R-24-08 – Supporting 21st Century Transportation for America
Motion made by Mike Dillon, seconded by Roger Kanitz to recommend that the Common Council adopt R-24-08. The resolution suggests transportation priorities should be shifted from new construction to maintenance, and that more transportation options be made available to residents. It also promotes energy efficiency objectives.
The motion carried.
3. Set next meeting date
Next meeting will be January 20, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers

G. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Report on ECOS-FV meeting (Roger Kanitz)
Roger reported that the December ECOS meeting focused on things homeowners could do to improve residential energy efficiency.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mike Dillon, seconded by Roger Kanitz to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.
The motion carried

Respectfully submitted by CDD Greg Keil

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