

**CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Common Council Chambers
140 Main Street, Menasha
Tuesday, March 17, 2009**

Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Linda Stoll at 6:35 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

Present: Mike Dillon, Linda Stoll, Sadie Schroeder, Becky Bauer

Excused: Roger Kanitz, Trevor Frank

Also present: Mayor Merkes, CDD Greg Keil

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

No one spoke

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Sustainability Board Minutes, 2/17/09

Motion made by Mike Dillon, seconded by Becky Bauer to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting.

Motion carried

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Energy Star Challenge (Mike Dillon)

Mike Dillon presented energy saving ideas for homes/businesses/etc. Board members discussed:

- Establishing a goal related to energy efficiency
- Home energy audits
- Practical energy management
- Working on housing energy efficiency potentially with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Advocap, Housing Partnership
- Ten percent energy reduction in schools through the Lt. Governors initiative

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Menasha's Farm Fresh Market

CDD Greg Keil reported that the City is in receipt of 3 checks for the entire season. Nineteen stalls are available with an additional 6-8 food vendors being sought together with an equal number of art vendors. There will be 1-2 stalls set up for Menasha businesses and local non-profit agencies to utilize throughout the season. Board members discussed the following:

- Becky Bauer to share resource material "Asparagus to Zucchini" with Kristin Sewall
- Sadie Schroeder suggested tying in farmers market with a downtown business directory
- Mayor Merkes stated that there is potential for cheese, elk meat and bread vendors
- Creating a website for the farm market
- Soliciting for a corporate or other sponsor
- Marketing ideas including flyers and graphics being prepared in cooperation with the school district
- Vendor acceptance of WIC/Food Stamps

2. Green Scene Art Show
The show is to be held in July, 2009
3. Potential Earth Day activities
Mike Dillon – Earth Day/Arbor Day events to be held on May 1st at Spring Road School, and with the 5th grade class at Butte des Morts to include tree planting, tree presentation to kids and discussion about the relationship between trees and water. The theme relates to things kids can use to save the planet. SCA is planning an event at their office building focusing on drinking water, ground water, and stormwater.

Menasha High is working on an Arbor Day project at the high school

4. Sustainability Board volunteer form
A revised form was distributed to board members. It will be distributed via the city newsletter and website.
5. Status report on City Department TNS Presentations/Sustainability Policy
CDD Keil and Mayor Merkes are working on content and formatting.
6. Status report on Pool Baseline Study
CDD Keil reported that the solar project is still being worked on, but the economic analysis isn't as promising as was initially anticipated. Sadie Schroeder suggested considering possible landscaping solutions to reduce evaporation.
7. Status report on demonstration projects - Stormwater/Water quality, natural landscaping
Sadie Schroeder volunteered to assist with the rain garden project at the 4:30 Ahnaip Street site. CDD Keil is to arrange a late afternoon meeting with the parties involved.

Board members discussed the potential for green roofs and establishing a goal of zero discharge to storm sewers

8. Status report on Walking & Bike Audit
-Safe routes to school information was is to be sent to School Superintendent Keith Fuchs
-Becky Bauer is to o bring bring information to the Clovis Grove School PTO
9. Status report on Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Ordinance
CDD Keil reported that Information was provided to the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. They will be compiling a map showing where the use of NEV's is permissible in the Fox Cities area.
10. Status report on Sub-committee formation
This item is being held pending response to the volunteer form.
11. Status report on Valley Transit Meeting
Efforts are being made to coordinate schedules. It is expected that a meeting will be held in the next few weeks.

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Set next meeting date
Next meeting set for April 21, 2009

H. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Report on ECOS-FV meeting (Roger Kanitz)
None
2. Report on Natural Step Study Circle (Mike Dillon)
The meetings are continuing and have been well received.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mike Dillon, seconded by Sadie Schroeder to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Community Development Director Greg Keil