

CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
September 22, 2022
Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order by Linda Stoll at 4:08 PM

B. ROLL CALL

Attending: Kyle Coenen, Austin Hammond, Roger Kanitz, Kelsey Perry

Also Attending: Mayor Donald Merkes

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

Sandra Taylor 545 Broad Street, Noted that there are many different opinions of sustainability in the community, that non-residents should not be voting members of the committee, and that the committee should only make recommendations to the Common Council.

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

Motion by Roger Kanitz second by Kyle Coenen to approve the minutes of August 25, 2022.

Motion carries.

E. ACTION ITEMS

None

F. DISCUSSION

1. Sustainability Plan, Benchmarking and Comparison with other communities

a. Comprehensive Energy Plan

City, Utility, and MJSJSD energy team is continuing work on benchmarking including buildings at Heckrodt. Ald. Hammond was asked to join these meetings in the future as a liaison to the Common Council.

b. Sustainability Board Ordinance revisions

The revised ordinance was approved at the September 19th meeting of the Common Council. Before the next Sustainability meeting nominations to the new Committee will be brought to the Common Council. Nominations will be for the remainder of a one, two, or three year term. Terms will begin on May 1 in future years.

c. SCN & Website <http://scn-foxvalley.com>

No report.

d. Wisconsin Clean Energy Plan <https://osce.wi.gov/Documents/SOW-CleanEnergyPlan2022.pdf>

No report.

2. Transportation

a. High Cliff Connection

Presented to the community and Common Council on September 19th. The recommended route Broad to Plank to Province Terrace to Manitowoc to Lake Park to 114 (continues in Harrison).

b. Bike Parking Survey

Shared draft data collection sheets. Need to revisit volunteer opportunities for the bike parking survey, potential to provide paper survey sheets. FVTC is interested in creating bike racks once we have locations. There is likely interest to work on the project through Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts.

3. Land Use

No report

4. Natural Resources

a. Natural Landscaping and Maintenance

City applied for grant to assist in a demonstration project on the waterfront. This could be used as a test plot for portions of the Lawson Canal landscaping. ECWRPC rain garden needs weeding. Discussion on long term maintenance and sustainability of projects both private property and public property.

b. No Mow May

Information requested regarding participation and results of No Mow May in communities across the state. The information is not available at this point, it should be available in the fall.

5. Energy

Prince of Peace solar installation had an open house it has an ROI of approx. 7 years. City continues to look for opportunities to install solar on its buildings and vehicle charging stations. New grant opportunities available.

6. Water

a. Stormwater Educational Signage

Signs are in process. Once signs are complete the stands will be ordered. It may be too late to install yet this year.

7. Waste

a. 2022 Fall Electronics Recycling Event

The annual fall event will be held October 1st. Volunteers still needed, email should be sent to business list for a reminder. There will also be a collection for Habitat ReStore.

8. Health

No Report

G. Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting October 27, 2022

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Austin Hammond second by Kelsey Perry to adjourn at 5:56 PM

Motion carries.