

CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
November 17, 2022
Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order at 4:04 PM

B. ROLL CALL

Attending: Kyle Coenen, Austin Hammond, Roger Kanitz, Lindsay Klumpp, Kathy Thunes,
Also Attending: Mayor Donald Merkes

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

No one spoke

D. COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Merkes noted that the Ad Hoc Sustainability Board had been replaced by the Sustainability Committee as a standing committee as part of Ordinance O-9-22. Being that this is a new committee they would not approve the former Board's minutes. The minutes are included for their information.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Election of Chairperson

Motion by Kathy Thunes, second Kyle Coenen to nominate Ald. Hammond. Motion Carries

At this point Ald. Hammond led the meeting as chairperson

2. Election of Vice Chairperson

Motion by Kathy Thunes, second Lindsay Klumpp to nominate Kyle Coenen as Vice Chairperson. Motion Carries

F. DISCUSSION

1. Planning & Communications

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

SCN was a group of municipal sustainability committees, it had met quarterly up until the pandemic when meetings were suspended. Since that time there have been numerous staff and committee changes in area communities. Roger and Kathy will make contact to see if there is interest to refresh SCN and its website.

b. Wisconsin Clean Energy Plan

Roger reviewed the plan providing highlights of areas that may apply to City of Menasha efforts. Areas of the Wisconsin plan could be incorporated into a future City plan or the comprehensive energy plan being discussed jointly with MJSD, City, Utilities.

2. Transportation

a. High Cliff Connection

Community Foundation plans to hire a consultant to work on planning and funding. There are several opportunities for State/Federal funding coming up in early 2023.

b. Bike Parking Survey

There is likely interest to work on the project through Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Menasha High.

3. Land Use

No report

4. Natural Resources

a. Natural Landscaping and Maintenance

ECWRPC rain garden has been maintained, some plants deadheaded to reduce self seeding of aggressive plants. Waiting for more information on natural landscaping grant application. Discussion on seeing if Wild Ones would do an on site assessment of rain gardens and natural planting areas to improve aesthesis and future maintenance.

b. No Mow May

No report

5. Energy

a. Comprehensive Energy Planning and Joint Energy Team

Team consisting of representatives of the City, MJSD, and MU met to discuss applying for OEI grant. MJSD will be adding EV chargers at City Center and Menasha High. City could look to add them at other locations if they work well. Request for MJSD to come to a future meeting to share their sustainability efforts.

6. Water

a. Stormwater Educational Signage

Signs are in process. Plan for Earth Day 2023 installation.

7. Waste

a. Tipping Fee increase

Tipping fees for refuse have increased \$4 ton from \$45 to \$49. The City budgets for 6,300 tons per year increasing costs \$25,000 annually. Recycling tipping fees remain at \$5 ton. The City budgets for 1,500 tons annually.

b. 2023 Electronics Recycling Events May 6, 2023 & October 7, 2023

Email messages should go out earlier, we should verify when the best time to send them out is for each company including Recycle that Stuff. We can schedule the email as soon as we get the poster announcements for one or several dates. Is there a parent newsletter that we could add to for MJSD. Discuss option for St. Vincent. Could signs be made by PWF for entry?

8. Health

Discussion regarding continuation of a farm market. There is an interested party that would like to consider managing a market that has experience at other markets. We should invite him to future meeting. Lindsay also has contacts with farm market vendors.

G. Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting December 22, 2022

Continue with 4th Thursday except for holidays.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kyle Coenen second by Lindsay Klumpp to adjourn at 5:55 PM

Motion carries.