

CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
January 26, 2023
Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order at 4:06 PM by Austin Hammond

B. ROLL CALL

Attending: Austin Hammond, Roger Kanitz, Lindsay Klumpp, Kelsey Parry, Linda Stoll, Kathy Thunes

Also Attending: Mayor Donald Merkes

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

None

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

Motion by Linda Stoll second by Kathy Thunes to approve the minutes of 11-17-2022.

Motion Caries

Motion by Lindsay Klumpp second by Kelsey Parry to approve the minutes of 1-5-2023.

Motion Caries with Linda Stoll abstaining as she was not in attendance at the 1-5-2023 meeting.

E. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Planning & Communications

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

Contact has been made with Appleton, Fox Crossing, Neenah, Oshkosh, Outagamie County, practices. Meeting scheduled for February 21, 2023 at 4pm at the Menasha Library.

b. Earth Day Celebration

Discussion regarding unveiling stormwater signage as part of Earth Day recognition. Participating in Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance cleanup. Electronics Recycling.

c. Arbor Day Celebration

Discussion regarding potential projects and locations for the City's 40th Tree City Award including: arboretum, plantings at Barker Park, tree value to community tags, hug a tree contest.

2. Transportation

a. High Cliff Connection

Community Foundation has hired a consultant to write grants for planning portion of the project including 114 DOT section and local roads sections.

b. Bike Parking Survey

No update

c. Bird Scooter Menasha 2022 report

Usage included 1,366 users; 5,523 rides; 10,907 miles. Approximately \$600 in income to the City and minimal complaints in 2022.

d. Amtrak Passenger Corridor Identification and Development Program

Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Neenah, Menasha, Kaukauna, and Green Bay have sent a letter to Transportation Secretary Thompson requesting that WISDOT submit an application to FRA for the program to study the Milwaukee to Green Bay corridor.

3. Land Use

a. Urban Chickens

Ordinance has been reviewed by Board of Health and Sustainability Committee zoning portions of the ordinance still need to go to Plan Commission. Full ordinance is planned to be placed on the February 20th Common Council agenda.

4. Natural Resources

a. Natural Landscaping and Maintenance

Green Bay botanical gardens is sponsoring classes on landscaping with native plants. Wild Ones conference is the last weekend of January at UW Oshkosh.

b. No Mow May

Discussion regarding visibility the program provides increases conversation and debate on the importance of pollinators in the community. A FAQ sheet could be created to provide further educational opportunities.

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. OEI Grant will be submitted by January 30th.

6. Water

a. Stormwater Educational Signage

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

7. Waste

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

Discuss option for St. Vincent.

8. Health

a. Farm Fresh Market

No report

F. Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting February 23, 2023

G. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kathy Thunes second by Lindsay Klumpp to adjourn at 5:47 PM
Motion carries.