

**CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
July 27, 2023
Minutes**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:09pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Attending: Kyle Coenen, Angie Demers, Roger Kanitz, Lindsay Klumpp, Ald. Austin Hammond
Absent: Mayor Donald Merkes, Kelsey Perry, Linda Stoll

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

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Sustainability Committee, 5/25/23

Roger Kanitz seconded by Kyle Coenen motion to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

F. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Planning & Communications

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

Roger Kanitz shared with the committee that SCN agreed to put forward a set scheduled for meeting as a group (January, April, October). Group is working to collect contact information/what each cities sustainability committee is working on. Lindsey Klumpp shared that she liked the idea of using SCN has a platform to share ideas.

2. Transportation.

a. Bike Parking Survey

Bike parking survey has made progress. Committee wants to see data and make recommendations to the City to put racks in public spaces rather than in private business owned spaces.

3. Natural Resources

a. Natural Landscaping & Maintenance

Discussion about putting a recycling and garbage bin out for folks near Banta Point and other park areas that the City is trying to take care of. Roger Kanitz discussed natural plants around East Central and other areas around the city. There was discussion on determining responsibility in caring for natural landscaping. Consider use of shrubs in areas that we aren't able to keep native species in as easily.

b. Banta Point Planting

Kyle Coenen and Roger Kanitz spoke highly of receiving a grant for Banta Point's planting of native species of plants.

4. Energy

a. Comprehensive Energy Planning & Joint Energy Team

Austin Hammond offered an update on the last meeting had about finding new ideas to promote solar energy around the city.

- b. WISDOT Carbon Reduction Grant Award
Austin shared an update about receiving this grant.
- c. Winnebago County Spirit Funds
Discussion was had on the proposal that council put forward to have the Public Works Solar Phase Two include a drafted resolution to apply for the Winnebago County Spirit Funds. Kyle Coenen motioned: "The Sustainability Committee supports the Menasha Common Council putting forward a resolution for a solar project (with panels or batteries) related to the Public Works Facility, like the Public Works Solar Phase Two with the Winnebago County Spirits Funds." Lindsey Klumpp seconded this motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Waste

- a. 2023 Electronics Recycling Event October 7, 2023
No update at this time. Committee discussed the importance of finding best ways to get the message out about the recycling event.

G. FUTURE MEETING DATES

1. August 24, 2023

Committee agreed that this date doesn't work and will vote by doodle poll on another date.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Angie Demers seconded by Lindsey Klumpp to adjourn at 5:28pm.