

MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

Thursday April 14, 2011 at 12:00 PM

City Hall, 828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan Wisconsin
Third Floor Conference Room

Present: Ald. Marilyn Montemayor, Jeanne Kliejunas, Amy Peterson, Aaron Brault, David Biebel, Scott Hanson, Dave, Kuckuk, Ron Rindfleisch, Heather Cleveland, Chad Pelischek, and Tom Holtan

Excused: Peter Pittner, Jeff Goins, Laura Gumm

Aldersperson Marilyn Montemayor called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. (quorum present) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Feb. 10, 2011 minutes were approved.

Focus Groups:

Energy – Group had not met. Sustainable Energy Sources talk on Biofuels was listed for April 19th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Mead Library. County Energy savings brochure presented by Aaron Brault showed County saving between 20-40 % on energy costs in various buildings. Mead library's chiller will be getting some controls but should really be replaced as reported by Marilyn Montemayor.

Water & Natural Resources – Heather Cleveland reported that stenciling of storm water drains will begin this spring and is headed by Eagle Scout Brendan Schneider. Suggestions were made to get the media alerted to the effort, involve neighborhood groups, and "Love your City" group from Praise Fellowship Church.

Transportation & Planning – Group had not met, but "Bike and Walk to Work/school Week" will be June 4 -10, 2011. Bike racks should be going into various locations this summer. Other initiatives are bike lanes on Mueller Road, Adell will have sidewalks again, Eisner will have bike lanes. The Sheboygan River dredging has begun, and there will be some habitat restoration along the river as well.

Education & Promotion – The committee will be promoting recycling in cooperation with Veolia to increase tonnage of recyclables (\$19 per ton) vs. garbage (\$48 per ton) which will save money for the city, spare landfills and protect the environment. Dave Biebel reported that landfill garbage is actually down for the city. This committee will help promote the storm water stenciling project as well.

Speaker: Dave Albright of Sheboygan Area School District (introduced by Ron Rindfleisch)

In cooperation with the Focus on Energy and an Energy Consultant, the school district has "avoided" \$4,371,501 in energy costs over six years, even though the district has added total square footage during the same period. This was done by paying attention to weather, energy rebates, utility billing errors, cost per unit of energy, equipment added and removed from facilities and additions to facilities.

An energy czar of sorts was appointed, and he weekly visited all facilities reporting on energy use and misuse. With the cooperation of staff and students and software "Energy Cap," the school district continued to reduce costs from year to year. The district is maintaining its energy saving practices even though additional savings are more difficult to find.

Scott Hanson is contacting **Shane Judd from Kohler Co.** to speak at the June, 2011 meeting. The Task Force thanked **Marilyn Montemayor** for her service as Chairperson.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary