

MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 12:00 PM

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

Present: Scott Hanson, Jeanne Kliejunas, Greg Ryan, Aaron Brault, Kevin Struck, Mayor Vandersteen, Brian Schwaller, Ald. Daryl Carlson, Laura Gumm, Chad Pelishek, Mark Pawasarat, and Pete Pittner (quorum present)

Excused: Ted Vallis, Mark Albert, and John Hill

Citizen Observer: Janet Ross

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 P.M. by Ald. Carlson (quorum present) with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Nov. 14, 2013 minutes were approved.

Report on Green Tier Resolution Presentation of Dec. 11, 2013 – Chad Pelishek said the presentation went well showing that the Green Tier Network includes 10 Wisconsin communities who share ideas for sustainable planning and projects within their local settings and receive credits in funding from the DNR. A revised resolution for joining the Green Tier Charter will be presented to Council for approval at the Jan. 20, 2014 meeting. Following approval the city's fiscal planning committee would like to have some joint meetings with the Task Force and a Sustainability Coordinator will be named, preferably a city employee who is part of the Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force. (SSTF)

The minutes of the Dec. 11, 2013 Green Tier presentation meeting were approved.

Focus Groups Reports

Education and Promotion- Jeanne Kliejunas reported that plans are being developed for a monthly 30 min. local TV access program highlighting city sustainability topics which have been initiated by the Task Force and/or by various city departments. This programming would be linked to the city's twitter feed and the "Next Door" program. Task Force members will be asked to contribute ideas and/or participate in actual programming.

Energy – Mark Pawasarat updated on the 40 LED's going up on 14th and Calumet and other new LED lighting projects. A CNG settlement could be \$500,000 in the coming years, but city hasn't yet determined the best use of this money. Ald. Carlson will be meeting with the Police Chief regarding sustainability planning, and Joe Trueblood of the Water Utility provided an energy audit of their plant to the focus group. Trueblood is interested in attending Task Force meetings.

Transportation & Planning – Aaron Brault reported on developing a bike-ride share program that might work in the Sheboygan, which is about 25% the cost of other programs in more densely populated areas. SoBi (Social Bike) was mentioned, and Mayor Vandersteen will send out more information to the Task Force on this program. RFP's are going out for the southside utility path.

Water & Natural Resources – Scott Hanson also met with Trueblood and mentioned two issues of concern: the ortho-phosphorus residue in water and waste sand contaminated with alum. Joe Kerlin, the new head of Parks & Forestry, is looking into rain gardens, decreasing park maintenance when possible and recycling methods in parks.

Action for next meeting –

- **Set up programming schedule for Sustainable Spotlight – Sheboygan** – Education and Promotion
- **Green Tier Resolution approved and Sustainability Coordinator named** – Mayor and City Planning
- **Review Green Tier strategies at www.greentiercommunities.org** –Task Force members
- **Send our more information to Task Force on Green Tier** – Mayor Vandersteen

Next meeting – March 13, 2014 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary