

MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

Thursday, March 13, 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, Brian Schwaller, Laura Gumm, Mark Albert, Chad Pelishek, Mark Pawasarat, Rebecca Clarke, Sean Hurley, and Pete Pittner (quorum present)

Excused: Ted Vallis, Mayor Vandersteen, Ald. Darryl Carlson, and John Hill

Citizen Observer: Janet Ross, Nancy Voss, and Laura Klemm

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 P.M. by Chad Pelishek with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Jan. 9, 2014 minutes were approved.

New Members Introduced & Welcomed – Rebecca Clarke, Maywood’s Education Coordinator, replacing Vickie Hall and Sean Hurley, Rockline’s Sustainability Coordinator, replacing Damien Nevers, are new members of the Task Force. Any present Task Force members needing to resign before the new Common Council term should contact Mayor Vandersteen by the March 31, 2014.

Draft Resolution Opposing Construction of Nuclear Waste Repository on Great Lakes – Chad Pelishek speaking for Mayor Vandersteen gave background on the resolution and asked SSTF to support the resolution so that it could be sent to the Common Council. After some discussion on the resolution’s language and scope, the Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force unanimously approved the resolution, allowing grammatical changes to be made by the City’s legal counsel.

Focus Groups Reports

Education and Promotion- Jeanne Kliejunas and Scott Hanson reported on plans for the first “Spotlight Sheboygan” show highlighting the city’s recycling program. Heather Cleveland will interview Scott and other key recycling personnel from the city and area to educate the community on how and why the city recycles. The first program should be completed before the next Task Force meeting. Citizens with questions will be directed to the city website, “citizen inquiry section.”

Energy – Mark Pawasarat announced another \$4,200 incentive for new LED lights from Focus on Energy. The municipal building’s lunch room now has LED lights, and Fountain Park will get new LED’s when snow has melted. Brian Schwaller mentioned an energy usage tracking app available for municipalities and individuals at Meterhero.com. Ald. Darryl Carlson submitted an extensive memo from Police Chief Christopher Domagalski outlining sustainability activities at the Police Department.

Transportation & Planning – Chad Pelishek passed out a draft of Sheboygan’s Green Tier Legacy Community Sustainability Plan and Baseline Report. He asked the Task Force to review the draft and give him suggestions and comments by April 11, 2014. The report will need to go to Council before submission to Green Tier Legacy. Chad had concerns about the extent of baselines for various departments. The Task Force was very grateful for this impressive start to the City’s Sustainability Planning.

Aaron Brault mentioned transportation projects for the spring including traffic coning at schools, filling sidewalk gaps, extending the rail trail north to North Ave. and pursuing the south utility corridor as another bike trail.

Household hazardous waste pick-up will be at Maywood on April 5, 2014 from 8-11am.

Water & Natural Resources –no report

Action for next meeting –

- Review draft of Green Tier report and get back to Chad Pelishek by April 11, 2014 with comments.

Next meeting – May 8, 2014 at noon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary