

MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

Thursday Sept.13, 2012 at 12:00 PM

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

Present: Kevin Matichek, Scott Hanson, Jeanne Kliejunas, David Kuckuk, Greg Ryan, Ted Vallis, Pete Pittner, Jennifer Lehrke, Mayor Terry Van Akkeren, John Hill, Mark Pawasarat and Chad Pelisek

Excused: Amy Peterson, Laura Gumm, Kevin Struck, Tom Holtan, Vickie Hall, and Aaron Brault

Citizen Observer: Pete Flannery

Secretary Jeanne Kliejunas called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. (quorum present) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The July 12, 2012 minutes were approved.

City's Energy Baseline Resolution has not been presented to Common Council as of this meeting. (Scott Versey)

Presentation: Solar Energy Projects for City Buildings – Jennifer Lehrke

Edward Zinthefer and Chris Merklein from Arch Electric presented a unique proposal for a photovoltaic (solar energy) project(s) for city buildings that would provide at least 20 KW of electric energy per building outfitted. Arch Electric carries the highest credentials for installation of solar equipment in the Midwest, they have completed numerous projects within the state and they see a new opportunity for municipalities to save energy costs.

Electric rates rise approximately 8% per year and the installation of solar equipment would help maintain steady, sustainable energy costs for the city by combating the annual cost increase with energy generated onsite.

Arch Electric proposes to do a study of energy savings for each city building and would provide to the City a way to install solar equipment on city designated buildings with no cost financing.

This solar project addresses the state's goal of getting at least 18% of our energy from renewable sources by 2018, and it would help with the city's long term, budget and strategic planning.

The Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force unanimously approved to send a request to the Committee of the Whole stating the following:

The Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force requests that the Sheboygan Common Council call a Committee of the Whole meeting to receive a presentation from Arch Electric on a proposed solar energy project for city buildings. This request addresses the City's need to do ongoing planning regarding reducing energy costs for its municipal buildings. The Task Force sees this presentation as an opportunity to reduce energy costs steadily over the next 30+ years at no actual cost to the city.

The Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force members will facilitate this presentation for the Committee of the Whole, once the request scheduled.

(Due to the length of presentation and discussion with Arch Electric other focus group reports were tabled until the next Task Force meeting in November, 2012.)

FOCUS GROUP REPORTS:

Energy (Ted Vallis, Laura Gumm, Jennifer Lehrke, Mark Pawasarat, Scott Versey, and Kevin Matichek) – (see above.)

Water & Natural Resources (Scott Hanson, Vickie Hall, and Pete Pittner) –

Transportation & Planning (Aaron Brault, Tom Holtan, and David Kuckuk) –

Education & Promotion (Greg Ryan, Amy Petersen, John Hill and Jeanne Kliejunas) –

Next meeting – November 8, 2012 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary