

MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012 at 12:00 PM

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

Present: Kevin Matichek, Scott Hanson, Jeanne Kliejunas, Greg Ryan, Ted Vallis, Jennifer Lehrke, John Hill, Mark Pawasarat, Kevin Struck, Aaron Brault and

Excused: Amy Peterson, Laura Gumm, Tom Holtan, Vickie Hall, and Scott Versey

Citizen Observer: Pete Flannery, Dave Gast, and Mike Moengenburg

Vice Chair Kevin called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. (quorum present) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Sept. 13, 2012 minutes were approved.

***City's Energy Baseline Resolution** has not been presented to Common Council as of this meeting. **(Scott Versey)** The Task Force needs to receive the resolution from Ald. Versey before it is presented to Council.

Solar Energy Proposal from Arch Electric (Jennifer Lehrke) was presented to the Committee of the Whole on Oct. 30, 2012. The proposal was favorably received by COW and was forwarded to the Finance Committee for further study and recommendation. Arch Electric proposed to study the feasibility of solar powered units for the 17 city buildings at a cost of \$5,000. Following the study, a building(s) could be chosen for a minimal \$1.5 million leased project for the city. City zoning rules for solar were raised by the Task Force, and Jennifer Lehrke will check on those rules for next meeting.

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) – Scott raised questions about various water projects in connection with the Super Fund dredging that is being done. Aaron Brault explained with the aide of project maps what is being done on various parts of a 14 mile stretch of the Sheboygan River. Fish habitat and pond projects are being engineered and should be finished before Christmas. The Super Fund is completed and off the river. The total project, when dredging is completed will have removed 430,000 cubic yards (or 30,000 truckloads) of contaminated river bottom, or Lambeau field up to the 45th row.

Transportation & Planning (Aaron Brault, Tom Holtan, Kevin Struck and David Kuckuk) – Aaron Brault will be talking with Acuity (Dave Gast & Mike Moengenburg –Acuity), a large retailer and a real estate company regarding a Maximum parking ordinance. Once information is gathered from those meetings, Aaron will report to the Task Force regarding a possible ordinance for the city regarding maximum parking. Acuity's representatives asked for a draft ordinance before they meet with Aaron.

Education & Promotion (Greg Ryan, Amy Petersen, John Hill and Jeanne Kliejunas) – Jeanne shared the Press' coverage on Arch Electric's presentation to the Committee of the Whole. Greg presented concerns inner city neighborhood associations have about the problem of mounting garbage on certain properties. Disposal of large items such as mattresses, furniture, etc. is costly, and many people can't afford the cost. The concept of "Garbage Amnesty" was discussed. Clear plastic garbage bags set out for pickup are also being opened by feeding seagulls creating a mess in neighborhoods. Mark Pawasarat (DPW) mentioned that the city is looking into a container pick up system for resident garbage, which would help the seagull problem and save city costs. **Scott Hanson** will bring more information about "Garbage Amnesty" to the next meeting.

Next meeting – Jan. 10, 2013 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary