

MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

Thursday Jan. 12, 2012 at 12:00 PM

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

Present: Mark Pawasarat, Kevin Sampson, Jeanne Kliejunas, Aaron Brault, Scott Hanson, Greg Ryan, Scott Versey, Ted Vallis, Dave Kukuck, Pete Pittner,

Excused: Tom Holtan, Amy Peterson, Laura Gumm, Jennifer Lehrke,

Chairperson Scott Versey called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. (quorum present) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Nov. 10, 2011 minutes were approved.

1. Focus Groups:

Energy (Ted Vallis, Laura Gumm, Jennifer Lehrke, Dave Biebel, Scott Versey & John Hill) – Ted Vallis reported that the group had a speaker at their last meeting, but Ted had not attended so no report.

Water & Natural Resources (Scott Hanson, Vickie Hall, & Pete Pittner) Scott Hanson reported that beach closure information from 2011 will be graphed and presented at next meeting. They are also investigating 48 approximate illicit storm water discharge sites emptying into the lake or Sheboygan River. These sites have reported discharge during dry periods.

Transportation & Planning (Aaron Brault, Tom Holtan, David Kukuck) – Aaron Brault reported that their committee is editing the Santa Monica Plan making it more “Sheboygan” i.e. more reflective of our local needs. They will also be presenting a maximum parking ordinance to the city. Some bike racks are in and more will be installed in spring. Bike lanes have been painted in many parts of the County, and county bike route maps are a work in progress with copies available at the County Planning office and other locations. “Traffic calming” projects are in progress in school zones.

Education & Promotion (Greg Ryan, Amy Petersen, & Jeanne Kliejunas) Greg Ryan reported on a survey he conducted with 20 citizens regarding their understanding of recycling rules. The survey showed that the participants were knowledgeable and generally supportive of recycling. It was suggested that a larger, citywide survey be conducted online through the city website and/or in person survey using volunteer help. Jeanne mentioned that the Sheboygan Press did not run the news release on municipal energy use which she had submitted. The BEACON did run it.

2. Member replacement from UW Extension, LTC or UW Sheboygan – no report

3. Report to Common Council – Scott Versey emphasized the importance of regular reports to the Common Council, and the *Energy Focus Group* will present an RC (Report of Committee) to the Task Force at the March 8, 2012 meeting. The Task Force will forward the RC onto Council. Each Task Force meeting will assign another focus group to report.

4. Solar and Wind Ordinances – Scott Versey reported that ordinances are being developed to make the permits more affordable to citizens interested in home solar and wind projects.

5. Speakers for Task Force meetings – It was suggested that speakers be used within focus group meetings so that the Task Force meetings can be working sessions due to the one hour time limit.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM

Respectfully submitted
Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary