

MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

Thursday Nov. 10, 2011 at 12:00 PM

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

Present: Dave Biebel, Jeanne Kliejunas, Emily Vetting for Aaron Brault, Scott Hanson, Greg Ryan, Scott Versey, Ted Vallis, Chad Pelischek, Dave Kukuck, Pete Pittner,

Excused: Jeff Goins, Tom Holtan, Amy Peterson, Vickie Hall, Laura Gumm, Jennifer Lehrke, John Hill

Chairperson Scott Versey called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. (quorum present) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Sept. 8, 2011 minutes were approved.

1. Review of City 20-year Comprehensive Plan – Chad Pelischek referred members to the City website for the actual draft document. It's due for Common Council approval on Dec. 5, 2011. The plan produced by VandeWalle Co. focuses on developing present city resources and properties rather than expansion. Comments were made that "Smart Growth Visioning" state mandates are in jeopardy due to tight state and municipal budgets.

2. Focus Groups:

Energy (Ted Vallis, Laura Gumm, Jennifer Lehrke, Dave Biebel, Scott Versey & John Hill) – Ted Vallis shared the subcommittee's minutes which established 4 goals for itself:

- Match or reduce energy consumption based on 2008 baseline
 - Take a leadership role in encouraging procurement & use of local, non-polluting renewable energy sources
 - Prepare & submit semi-annual recommendations to the City of Sheboygan Common Council
 - Endorse requests by City of Sheboygan Departments for energy efficiency measures & projects.
- Usage data since 2008 has been collected and needs more refining. Vehicle fuel will be added to their monitoring and Chad Pelischek stated grants are available for more extensive energy audits.

Water & Natural Resources (Scott Hanson, Vickie Hall, & Pete Pittner) Scott Hanson reported on three goals:

- Protect & enhance environmental health & public health by minimizing or eliminating levels of air, soil & water pollution
- Ensure that no one geographic or socioeconomic group in the city is being unfairly impacted by environmental pollution
- Promote public health, minimize resource consumption and negative environmental impacts.

Each goal listed specific action areas to pursue such as – beach closures, residential household waste and recycling, yard waste, vehicle oil recycling, e-waste recycling, illicit water discharge, residential lead removal, and reusable water containers.

Transportation & Planning (Aaron Brault, Tom Holtan, David Kuckuk) – No Report

Education & Promotion (Greg Ryan, Amy Petersen, & Jeanne Kliejunas) Greg Ryan reported on one goal:

- Expand the community's understanding of sustainability resulting in an increase in sustainable practices throughout the city. This will be done through regular articles in local media highlighting Task Force findings and recommendations, developing the Sustainable Sheboygan Plan by early 2013 and reporting back to the Common Council on a regular basis.

Membership on Committee – A replacement is needed for Ald. Eric Rindfleisch and Jeff Goins of UW-Sheboygan. Suggestions were Deb Beyer, UW Extension, Mike Ballweg, UW Extension, or Michelle Gibbs, LTC (Next Generation Energy Coordinator). Jeanne Kliejunas will check out their interest and availability.

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 PM

Respectfully submitted
Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary