

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

January 25, 2018

1. OPENING OF MEETING MEMBERS PRESENT: Chad Pelishek, Mayor Vandersteen, Jeanne Kliejunas, Alec Bartolai, Sean Hurley, Mark Boelke, Laura Gumm, Aaron Brault, Joe Trueblood, Peter Pittner, Ald. Ryan Sorenson, Dean Dekker MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Jenny Conrady, David Biebel, Mark Schmitz, Mike Willmas STAFF/OFFICIALS: Mayor Michael Vandersteen, Planning and Development Director Chad Pelishek, Neighborhood Development Planner Nancy Maring OTHERS: Laura Klemm, Janet Ross, George Warrnier School students

1. OPENING OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order Chairperson Chad Pelishek called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3 Introduction of committee members and guests.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Approval of minutes from the November 29, 2017

meeting. Motion by Ald. Sorenson, seconded by

Joe Trueblood

to approve. Motion carried.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Recycling Update from Mayor Vandersteen.

Mayor Vandersteen reviewed the first month of the year recycling numbers.

The tonnage continues to be lower than the previous year.

New ways are being explored to continue to educate the public on the importance of recycling.

3.2 Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Conservation.

Mayor Vandersteen and Joe Trueblood to report.

Joe Trueblood reported that about the City's pledge to participate in challenge during April 1 - 30, 2018 that uses a series of online pledges (mywaterpledge.com) to see which city can be the most water wise.

Prizes are being awarded for city's that win the challenge.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE WORKING GROUP REPORTS

4.1 Review of Waste Stream Subcommittee Goals.

Jeanne Kliejunas is the chairperson. Kliejunas provided the task force with an option for a backyard composting system.

Discussion was had about the system and trying to turn the compost during the process.

Kliejunas suggested the possibility of the city purchasing these and selling them to residents at a reduced rate.

Kliejunas also discussed the installation of a kiosk in the City parks or the City Green to educate the public on the task force initiatives.

Discussion was also had on whether to include some sort of education station in the Mead Public Library.

4.2 Review of Green Infrastructure Subcommittee Goals. Aaron Brault is the chairperson. The committee discussed the adopt a median project and were tasked with finding example projects from other cities. The group spoke with Joe Kerlin, Parks Superintendent and he indicated that he is exploring an adopt

a public space giving the public more flexibility in the open spaces that they can choose.

More information to follow in the future.

4.3 Review of Recycling Subcommittee Goals.

Mayor Vandersteen addressed the subcommittee goals in his recycling report in item

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4.4 Review of Water Sustainability Subcommittee Goals. Joe Trueblood is the chairperson. Since water rates are cost effective in Sheboygan and we do not have a water quantity issue, the subcommittee discussed ways to encourage residents to use tap water versus bottled water and most of the time bottled water is nothing more than tap water.

4.5 Review of City Department Sustainable Initiatives Subcommittee Goals.

Alec Bartolai is the chairperson. The subcommittee toured the Department of Public Works operations.

At this time, it appears the City is doing everything in the most efficient manner as possible.

The subcommittee discussed the idea of creating a checklist to make sure the city departments continue to think in a sustainable manner.

The committee also discussed the idea of touring other city department buildings to help with completion of the sustainable checklist.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS ON OTHER SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY

5.1 Announcements to share with committee. March/April

community events were discussed.

6. ADJOURN

6.1 Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Ald. Ryan Sorenson, seconded by Sean Hurley to adjourn. Motion Carried. Next meeting is March 22, 2018.

