

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

NOVEMBER 28, 2017

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

August 24, 2017

meeting. Motion by Ald. Sorenson, seconded by

Sean Hurley

to approve.

Motion carried.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Recycling Update from Mayor Vandersteen.

Ald. Sorenson asked why we don't give out blue bins to people to use. Reason behind why the City does not use or provides the blue bins for people, is because it is too expensive to hand them out to everyone in the city. The pickup for the blue bins would end up very expensive as well because City of Sheboygan doesn't have the types of trucks to be able to provide the service.

In the nearby communities, there are a couple of towns that don't provide bins either, Waldo and Hingham, but they are the only communities that do not have them.

Advanced Disposal is willing to work with the City to help with the recycling issue and help make it work for others. Even though Advanced Disposal is willing to work with the City on recycling, there is still an operational issue. With Advanced Disposal raising their prices, issues could be because the City would be paying more on the disposal or recycling of the goods. There needs to be further conversation with David Biebel, Director of Public Works.

Laura Klemm stated that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has a program that cities can apply for to get a recycling grant to help a city become more recyclable friendly.

Alec Bartolai suggested we compare our community's recycling programs to other communities to see what they did or do. Sean Hurley also suggested contacting Green Tier communities to see what they have done.

3.2 Sheboygan E-Newsletter Topics for December/January.

The group discussed different topics that could be added or talked about for the next newsletter for December/January. Jeanne Kliejunas suggested talking about having a garbage disposal article in the next newsletter. Miranda Kelm's electronic flyer can be sent to Mary Rajer for the next newsletter.

3.3 Sheboygan County sustainability research paper by UW-Stevens Point student Jason Peters.

The findings of the Mr. Peters research paper were read to the group.

After the paper was read, an idea that people had for after City Hall was done being renovated was to put solar panels on the roof of the building to help with energy and electricity. Due to the building being built with the roof containing parapet walls (definition: that part of a perimeter wall immediately adjacent to the roof which it extends above the roof) it would be very hard to put solar panels on the roof because the walls give the roof shade

preventing solar panels from doing their job.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE WORKING GROUP REPORTS

4.1 Review of Waste Stream Subcommittee Goals.

Jeanne Kliejunas is the chairperson. Kliejunas discussed a possible Learning Kiosk, but the City possibly doesn't have the money for the kiosk. She looked into seeing if there is a waste management grant that the City could potentially get to help with funding. Started discussing what is happening at Maywood, Fountain Park, City Green, and the Library, and potentially get examples of what other communities or cities did with their parks. Possibility of the Alliant Foundation being an option for a grant in either January or February.

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. Aaron Brault will parse through the research the group compiled and find examples best suited to inform the project in Sheboygan.

4.3 Review of Recycling Subcommittee Goals.

Mayor Vandersteen is the chairperson.

The committee did not meet.

4.4 Review of Water Sustainability Subcommittee Goals. Joe Trueblood is the chairperson. The committee met back in September. They tried to define a goal, and discussed stakeholders. An option for this group is to work with students to create a promotional brochure to promote principles and practices to help others understand water sustainability.

Trueblood discussed a newsletter to have EPA Watersense and no urgency re: H 2 O in Sheboygan. When people get their water bill, have a Tip of the month on their bill to help them save and conserve water. Potentially offering rebates for new fixtures in the houses. Focus more on the Lake pollution and promoting tap water usage over bottled water. Potentially, post this all on the Water Utility website.

4.5 Review of City Department Sustainable Initiatives Subcommittee Goals.

Alec Bartolai is the chairperson.

A meeting is set with the Department heads to discuss departments becoming more sustainable. Meeting will be held on December 13 th.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS ON OTHER SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY

5.1 Announcements to share with committee. April appointments to the Task Force were discussed.

6. ADJOURN

6.1 Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Ald. Ryan Sorenson, seconded by

Hurley

to adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Next meeting is January 25, 2018.