

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 08, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair James Van Akkeren, Cheryl Sohn, Chris Kuehnel, Mark Mahoney, Jeanne Kliejunas, Lora Hagen, Rebecca Clarke, and Rebecca Stewart.

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Administrative Clerk Rachel Masse.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Rutten and Akshay Jain.

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Shimon and Tracey Ludvik.

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chair James Van Akkeren called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes: March 13, 2024

MOTION BY LORA HAGEN TO AMEND MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2024, TO REFLECT REBECCA STEWART WAS ABSENT FROM THE MEETING.

ALSO TO AMEND ITEM 8 TO READ "The SASD said surveys found that about 80% are riding in cars to Urban now."

ALSO TO AMEND ITEM 9 TO READ "Grant specifies trees are to be planted in disadvantaged neighborhoods. Joe Kerlin provided map of city spots they mow and SSTF can consider proposals for no mowing and/or planting of natives."

Motion made by Jeanne Kliejunas, seconded by Rebecca Stewart. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2024 AS AMENDED.

Motion made by Jeanne Kliejunas, seconded by Rebecca Stewart. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Public Input (Limit 3 minutes per individual)
5. Sustainable Five Minutes; Rebecca Clarke: Zoning regarding landscaping and Invasive Species Ordinance

Rebecca Clarke spoke on looking to Oshkosh and other similar municipalities for examples to update current landscaping zoning ordinances with the purpose of encouraging native plantings.

6. Report from Jim Van Akkeren on meeting with the Mayor on April 19th.

Jim Van Akkeren reported on his meeting with the Mayor, covering topics related to the incoming Climate Sustainability Intern in the Mayor's Office, the public presentation on May 16th at Mead Public Library, preparing an outline to present to the Common Council of the SSTF's work over the past year, concern over the lack of contact between the Planning and Development Director and SSTF, and lack of involvement from the City Administrator.

7. Recruit two more members.

The SSTF is currently looking for two new members.

8. Urban Forestry Grant. Letter of collaboration. Possible action.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF COLLABORATION.

Motion made by Rebecca Stewart, seconded by Jeanne Kliejunas. Motion carried.

9. Education and Outreach Committee report

Cheryl Sohn reported the progress on the presentation set for May 16th at the Mead Public Library.

10. Energy, Housing, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee report.

James Van Akkeren spoke on the progress of the Electric Vehicle Expo to take place on September 14th at Maywood Park.

11. Land Use and Conservation Committee Report.

Rebecca Stewart spoke on the progress of the evaluation of green space mowing done by the City. Lora Hagen has completed a survey of her portion.

12. Heat pump infographic.

Chris Kuehnel spoke on taking information to project efficacy of heat pumps in various types of homes.

13. Events of Interest:

Maywood Bird Walks, Saturdays in May 7:30-9:00. In the Weeds Book Club, May 9. GLC Bird Banding and Hike, May 11. Go Green, May 16 Mead Public Library, Garden Plant Sale, Old Plank Road May 17 and 18. Native Plant Sale supporting Friends of North Point, Saturday May 18, 10:00-1:00, First Congregational Church.

NEXT MEETING DATE

14. Next Meeting Date: June 16, 2024

ADJOURN

15. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:50PM

Motion made by Rebecca Clarke, seconded by Jeanne Kliejunas. Motion carried.