



*****AMENDED*** SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE AGENDA**

September 11, 2023 at 4:30 PM

**City Hall - Conference Room 106, 828 Center Avenue,
Sheboygan, WI**

"I want you to act as you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if our house is on fire. Because it is." Greta Thunberg

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OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Input (3 minute limit per individual)

MINUTES

- [4.](#) Approval of Minutes: August 30, 2023.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Introduction of Diane McGinnis Casey, new Director of Planning and Development.
- [6.](#) Review of Vision Statement, possible referral to Mayor and Common Council.
7. Land Use and Conservation Subcommittee Report
8. Energy, Housing, Transportation, and Infrastructure Subcommittee Report
9. Electric Vehicle Fair, Spring 2024
10. Organization of Subcommittees
11. Upcoming Events and Resources

Sustainable Sheboygan Instagram

Action for Climate Emergency Sheboygan (acesheboygan on Instagram)

September 12 - Nature at Noon at Maywood "Creating an Urban Food Forest"

September 23 - National Drive Electric Week Events

September 14 at 7:30pm - In the Weeds Book Club Thursday

NEXT MEETING DATE

12. Next Meeting Date: October 9, 2023

ADJOURN

13. Motion to Adjourn

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CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE MINUTES
Wednesday, August 30, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair James Van Akkeren, Cheryl Sohn, Chris Kuehnel, Leovardo Aguilar, Jeanne Kliejunas, Kelsey Bird, Rebecca Clarke, Rebecca Stewart, and Akshay Jain.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Geralyn Leannah, Jennifer Rutten, and Lora Hagen.

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Administrative Clerk Rachel Masse.

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes: August 14, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2023

Motion made by Rebecca Stewart, seconded by Akshay Jain. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Possible revision of Vision Statement and referral to the Mayor and Common Council for approval.

Revisions to the Vision Statement were discussed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

5. Next Meeting Date: September 11, 2023

ADJOURN

5. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:02 PM.

Motion made by Cheryl Sohn, seconded by Akshay Jain. Motion carried.

Header: Sustainable Sheboygan
 SubHeader options: Investing in a resilient future

Introduction:

Now is the time for action. Climate change is a quickly encroaching threat to our economy, environment, and quality of life. Sheboygan must make a positive impact by planning and implementing changes that improve our resilience and economic stability while creating cleaner air and water. Sheboygan recognizes that climate instability disproportionately impacts disadvantaged communities, therefore the city will emphasize equity in its sustainability endeavors. Sheboygan is ready to aggressively pursue current and future funding opportunities and prepare for a more sustainable future.

Sheboygan will protect our health, environment, and economic development. By 2027, we will plan and begin implementation of the following:

- 1. The City of Sheboygan Leading by Example**
 - a. Meet 100% of our municipal electricity needs with carbon-free energy by 2030.
 - b. Meet 100% across the city of Sheboygan with carbon-free electricity by 2035.
 - c. Maximize funding opportunities to implement sustainability improvements.
 - d. Ensure municipal LED lighting is appropriate for wildlife and people.
 - e. Improve energy efficiency and conservation within city buildings.
 - f. Engage and inform the public on sustainability options and plans.
 - g. Purchase energy efficient vehicles, including moving to a zero-emission vehicle fleet and infrastructure.
- 2. Make Sheboygan's Buildings More Energy Efficient**
 - a. Partner with community-based organizations to upgrade rental and owner-occupied affordable housing to high efficiency energy standards.
 - b. Promote and create an environment to develop a solar program for owner occupied housing, rental housing, commercial businesses, and non-profit organizations.
 - c. Review and update city codes and ordinances to ensure they encourage energy efficient buildings and sustainable infrastructure.
- 3. Continue to Develop the Infrastructure for Low Carbon Transportation Modes**
 - a. Establish a plan for public electric vehicle charging stations, partnering with private businesses.
 - b. Transition to zero public transportation, and expand routes to provide fast, equitable, and frequent service.
 - c. Explore and secure alternative public transportation funding

- d. Expand and improve the infrastructure for safe walking and biking
 - e. Build upon Sheboygan's Strong Town qualities by increasing incremental housing, investing in walkable mixed-use neighborhoods, transparent local accounting, and ending parking mandates and subsidies.
 - f. Require new developments to create plans which promote walking, biking and public transportation.
- 4. Invest in Our Community by Preserving, Enhancing, and Rehabilitating Our Natural Environment**
- a. Develop and approve a plan to improve air quality.
 - b. Review and update all city codes, ordinances and policies to encourage sustainability
 - c. Accelerate our planting program to focus on climate resilient, native, and edible plants and trees.
 - d. Invest in stormwater management and green infrastructure solutions to improve water quality and minimize storm damage.
 - e. Provide education to promote sustainability, while encouraging volunteerism.
 - f. Expand city wide waste reduction programs by increasing recycling and composting.
 - g. Assess city green space maintenance practices to use less energy; increase native plantings and continue to minimize chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and increase access to garbage and recycling bins.

Did you know?

1. Alliant Energy to build the Edgewater Battery Project, storing enough energy to power over 100,000 homes
2. Electricity and Transportation makeup 57% of Wisconsin greenhouse gas emissions
3. Sheboygan projections for 90+ degree days are estimated to triple years 2041-2060
4. Since the 1950s, Wisconsin has warmed 2.1°F and its annual precipitation has increased by 15 percent (4.5 inches)
5. The world needs to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 to prevent catastrophic climate impacts