



SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE AGENDA

March 13, 2024 at 4:30 PM

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

"In your school, what is the culture you are building? Are you teaching only about the past – or learning for the future? Are learning programs reflective of the needs of today and of tomorrow? Whether we like it or not, what we do at school, what we learn, who we become as individuals and communities directly impacts the world we want to create." *Sal Gordon, Green School*

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OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES

- [3.](#) Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2024.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Public Input (Limit 3 minutes per individual)
5. Committee Membership Status
6. Sustainable Five Minutes
7. Healthy Sheboygan County-Cheryl Sohn
8. Report on Meeting with the Mayor
9. Report of the Land Use and Conservation Subcommittee
- [10.](#) Report of the Education and Outreach Subcommittee
11. Report of Energy, Housing, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee
12. Events of Interest: In the Weeds Mead Library 3/14; Wintergreen, Mead Library 3/16; Flapjack Day, Maywood 3/17; Maywood's Nature Based Book Club, Mead Library, 4/6; Nature at Noon, Sustainability, Maywood, 4/9; Adopt-A-Habitat Training, Maywood, 4/13 and 4/17; Earth Day Park Clean-up, Maywood, 4/20; Willow Creek Clean-up, Glacial Lakes, 4/20; Native Plant Sale, Maywood/Johnson's Nursery, now through 5/4; Mead Seed Library, continuous.

NEXT MEETING DATE

13. Next Meeting Date: To Be Determined

ADJOURN

14. Motion to Adjourn

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CITY OF SHEBOYGAN**SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE MINUTES****Wednesday, February 07, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair James Van Akkeren, Cheryl Sohn, Chris Kuehnel, Jeanne Kliejunas, Lora Hagen, Akshay Jain, and Rebecca Clarke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leovardo Aguilar and Jennifer Rutten

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracey Ludvik, Linda Shimon, and Mark Mahoney

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Administrative Clerk Rachel Masse

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chair James Van Akkeren called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

3. Public Input (Limit 3 minutes per individual)

MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes: January 10, 2024

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2024.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Status of an alderperson, department head, or mayor assigned to SSTF

MOTION TO CONTACT MAYOR AND ADVOCATE AN ALDERPERSON, DEPARTMENT HEAD, OR MAYOR BE ASSIGNED TO SSTF.

Motion made by Chris Kuehnel, seconded by Jeanne Kliejunas. Motion carried.

5. Conversation between Jim Van Akkeren and Council President Dean Dekker

Jim Van Akkeren spoke on his conversation.

6. The role of a citizens committee in City government

Discussion on the relation between the SSTF and City government.

7. Vision Statement Implementation

Discussion on using the Vision Statement.

8. Lincoln Avenue resurfacing: a case study

Discussion on the Lincoln Avenue resurfacing, and how it impacts sustainability.

9. Land Use and Conservation Subcommittee Report

Jim Van Akkeren spoke on the report.

Next meeting date: February 28th, 2024 4:30 PM

10. Education Subcommittee Report

Cheryl Sohn spoke on the report.

Next meeting date: March 6, 2024 5:15 PM

11. Energy, House, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee Report

Jim Van Akkeren spoke on the plans for an Electric Vehicle Fair at Maywood.

Next meeting date: March 4, 2024 4:30 PM

12. City Budget Review

No update.

13. Events of Interest

- Flapjack Day – March 17, 2024
- Maple Sugaring at Maywood – March-April
- In the Weeds Book Club – February 8, 2024

NEXT MEETING DATE

15. Next Meeting Date: March 13, 2024 4:30PM

ADJOURN

16. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:54 PM

Motion made by Chris Kuehnel, seconded by Jeanne Kliejunas. Motion carried.

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL

- Energy-efficient design: Incorporate passive solar heating, natural lighting, high performance windows with shading, LED lighting, occupancy sensor lights, Energy Star appliances, and super efficient insulation.
- Renewable energy sources: Install solar panels, and/or wind turbines to generate electricity. Consider batteries for energy storage. Siting the building for effective solar panel use.
- Heat and cool the building using geothermal or air sourced heat pumps. Effective air circulation to maintain a healthy learning environment.
- Sustainable materials: Use recycled, non-toxic, and locally sourced materials for construction. Examples include sinks made from recycled materials, reclaimed wood, bamboo, cork, rubber, stone, recycled glass, and plastic sheets, bricks and lumber.
- Using roofing materials and colors which reflect light resulting in a cooler building.
- Sustainable transportation: Encourage walking, cycling, and use of public transportation with bike racks and designated pedestrian paths.
- Water conservation: Implement rainwater harvesting systems, greywater recycling, and low-flow fixtures.
- Green spaces: Include gardens, green roofs, and outdoor learning areas to promote biodiversity and connect students with nature. Minimize the use of turf grass and instead plant native plants.
- Waste management: Establish recycling programs, composting facilities, and reduce single-use plastics. Build in

recycling receptacles and composting bins that can easily remove materials deposited.

- Electric vehicle charging stations for staff and maintenance equipment. Minimally the infrastructure for charging stations should be installed during construction with an eye toward installation in the future.
- Environmental education: Integrate sustainability principles into the curriculum and provide opportunities for hands-on learning about environmental stewardship. Establish an outdoor education classroom that can be utilized year round.
- Community involvement: Engage students, staff, parents, and local stakeholders in decision-making and sustainability initiatives.
- Monitoring and evaluation: Implement systems to track energy consumption, water usage, waste generation, and overall environmental impact to continually improve sustainability efforts.