



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 26, 2024 at 12:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall - 1123 W. Lake St. Sandpoint, Idaho

Call to Order

Chair Wayne Benner called the meeting of the Sandpoint Sustainability Committee to order at 12:32 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, in Council Chambers at City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Wayne Benner
Katrina Pielli
Christine Moon
Deborah Dickerson

ABSENT

Diana Duke
Mary Wilkosz

Also present were City Council liaison Pam Duquette, staff liaison Katie Keeney (attending remotely), Board clerk Samantha Branscome, and City Clerk Melissa Ward.

Meeting Minutes Approval

1. The minutes from the Committee's October 22, 2024, meeting were approved as presented.

Motion made by Moon, Seconded by Dickerson.

Voting Yea: Benner, Dickerson, Moon, Pielli

Old/Unfinished Business

2. Determine Committee's Main Focus, Vision, Goals, and Objectives

Committee member Moon presented her findings on sustainability programs in other towns and cities in the area. She will continue to research for the next meeting. The Committee discussed their personal goals for the committee's work and objectives. Following the discussion, the Committee agreed to further research and consider the Committee's adopted main focus, vision, goals, and objectives before taking action to make this determination. This topic will be included on the next agenda for further discussion, and Committee members were encouraged to bring their suggestions and ideas for this initiative.

New Business

3. Adopt Sustainability Checklist Items for City

Council liaison Duquette mentioned the *How Green is My Town* website as a potential starting point or reference for developing a sustainability checklist. The Committee discussed devising check lists for each department or, alternatively, designing the checklist around the City's Comprehensive Plan. Following discussion, the Committee decided to begin with the Comprehensive Plan. Chair Benner and Vice Chair Pielli volunteered to devise a checklist based on the Comprehensive Plan to present at the next meeting for consideration by the Committee.

4. Sandpoint Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

The Committee briefly discussed the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

Committee Roundtable

The Committee agreed to cancel the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 24, 2024, and meet next at their regular day/time on January 28, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

Chair Benner mentioned some resources that may be of interest to the Committee members.

Adjourn

Upon loss of quorum with the departure of Vice Chair Pielli, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

I presided over this meeting and can attest that these minutes, prepared by the Board Clerk, were approved by the Committee during their meeting on 1/28/2025, 2025.


Wayne Benner, Board Chair


Samantha Branscome, Board Clerk