



CITY OF NOVI
Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting
September 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Mayors Room | Novi Civic Center | 45175 Ten Mile Road
(248) 347-0445

CALL TO ORDER: 5:32 PM

ROLL CALL: Council Members Heintz, Gurumurthy, and Smith

PRESENT Council Members Heintz, Gurumurthy, and Smith

STAFF LIAISON: Danielle Mahoney, Assistant City Manager

ALSO PRESENT: Katherine Oppermann, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Member Heintz; Seconded: Gurumurthy; Approved: 3:0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Member Heintz; Seconded: Gurumurthy; Approved: 3:0

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Smith noted that there would be no presentations tonight. He hopes that by having a firmer schedule for upcoming meetings going forward it will be easier to schedule presentations as well.

MATTERS FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Review of publicly available SEMCOG data

Councilmember Gurumurthy shared that a table at the upcoming event had been secured for the Committee on Sunday, October 6th from 11AM – 2 PM. It will be important to have an attractive display to draw the public to the table.

The committee discussed various elements they would like to have for their table such as:

- a. A survey regarding environmental/sustainability topics for residents, ideally a short one so it could be quickly completed at the event
- b. Hazardous Waste Day information
- c. Giveaway items
- d. Game/Activity aimed at younger attendees – Councilmember Heintz specifically suggested a garbage/recycling sorting game

Chairperson Smith stated that he sees this opportunity as a sort of a beta/trial-run for how they will engage with the public going forward.

The committee also discussed potential survey questions, data goals, etc. for this or potential future surveys (such a through FlashVote) regarding environmental/sustainability. Ms. Mahoney shared the Ann Arbor survey as an example and Councilmember Gurumurthy thought that something like it would be excellent for a more detailed forum.

2. Pillars & Goals

Assistant City Manager Mahoney confirmed that the Committee was aligned and in agreement to use Councilmember Gurumurthy' s suggested text for each pillar.

3. Implementing Ann Arbor Solarize Program in Novi – Next Steps

Chairperson Smith stated that he thinks that brining the prospective program before City Council is important. Councilmember Gurumurthy agreed and noted that they should have a strong story in order to drive the importance of implementing the program. Chairperson Smith would like their presentation to include talking about the other communities that have successfully implemented the program, he requested that the list Graduate Management Analyst Chojnacki had created to date. Additionally, he thinks that establishing bullet points for the presentation to Council would be beneficial.

Ms. Mahoney suggested that they could hold an information session on the pilot program which could be used to gauge community interest and help determine if they should move forward with the program or not.

4. Schedule Upcoming Meetings

The Committee discussed the matter and determined their upcoming meetings would be held on Tuesday, October 15th and Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 PM.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: 6:44 PM

Motion: Gurumurthy; Seconded: Heintz; Approved 3:0