

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leovardo Aguilar and Jennifer Rutten

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Shimon and Mark Mahoney

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Ryan Sorenson, Communication Specialist and Mayor's Assistant Veronica Valdez, and Administrative Clerk Rachel Masse

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chair James Van Akkeren called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

3. Public Input (Limit 3 minutes per individual)

Linda Shimon spoke on District Energy Networks

MINUTES

4. Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2023

MOTION TO AMEND MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 11, 2023, ITEM 13 TO "Discussion but no request to change officers."

Motion made by James Van Akkeren, seconded by Rebecca Stewart. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 11, 2023 AS AMENDED.

Motion made by Rebecca Clarke, seconded by Rebecca Stewart. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Comments from Mayor Sorenson regarding the purpose of the Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force and where to go from here.

Mayor Ryan Sorenson spoke on upcoming City projects.

6. Report on December 15th meeting between Jim Van Akkeren, Mayor Sorenson and City Administrator Casey Bradley

James Van Akkeren reported on his meeting with Mayor Sorenson and City Administrator Casey Bradley.

7. Report on comments made to Common Council and to individual Council members regarding the Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force

James Van Akkeren reported on attempts to contact Common Council members to attend future meetings.

8. Possible meeting with Council President Dean Decker

Jim Van Akkeren relayed information Council President Dean Decker provided to Jennifer Rutten regarding council member participation in the Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force.

9. Next step in implementing Vision Statement

Discussion on next steps toward implementing the Vision Statement.

10. Report of Land Use and Conservation Subcommittee.

No report made as next meeting will be January 17, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

11. Report of Energy Housing, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee. Discussion of Electric Vehicle Policy

No report.

12. City budget review

Chris Kuehnel gave a report of the City budget focusing on an analysis of carbon emissions from amount spent on fuel.

13. Formation of Education Subcommittee and review of online presence

MOTION TO CREATE AN EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE.
Motion by Chris Kuehnel, second by Rebecca Stewart. Motion carried.

14. Possible new Task Force meeting date

Discussion on potentially moving the meeting date. Next meeting scheduled for February 7, 2024 at 4:30PM

15. Events of Interest:

In the Weeds Book Club 1/11/2024 and 2/8/2024 5:30, Mead Library;
Evergreen Park planning, public input 1/24/24 5:00-7:00, Mead Library;
Others

NEXT MEETING DATE

16. Next Meeting Date: February 7th, 2024 at 4:30 PM

ADJOURN

17. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:08 PM

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