

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE MINUTES

Monday, December 11, 2023

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leovardo Aguilar, Jennifer Rutten, Kelsey Bird, and Rebecca Clarke

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Mahoney, Lynn Baufeld, and Mike Vandersteen

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.

3. Public Input (Limit 3 minutes per individual)

- Mike Vandersteen spoke on potentially rewriting building codes to be more sustainable.

MINUTES

4. Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 9, 2023.

Motion made by Lora Hagen, seconded by Jeanne Kliejunas. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Next step in implementing Vision Statement

James Van Akkeren spoke on the status of the Vision Statement.

6. Possible Approval of Letter to Common Council to accompany motion requesting a Common Council liaison

Discussion on the letter to Common Council requesting a Common Council liaison.

7. Inflation Reduction Act Opportunities

Discussion on potential Inflation Reduction Act Opportunities.

8. Report of Land Use and Conservation Subcommittee. Possible approval of letter regarding Evergreen Park

Rebecca Stewart reported on the Land use and Conservation Subcommittee.

MOTION TO APPROVE FORWARDING LETTER REGARDING EVERGREEN PARK TO PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND PARKS SUPERVISOR

Motion made by Rebecca Stewart, seconded by Chris Kuehnel. Motion passed.

9. Report of Energy, Housing, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee. Possible approval of Electric Vehicle Policy.

James Van Akkeren reported on the Energy, Housing, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee.

10. City budget review

Chris Kuehnel spoke on his review of the City budget.

11. Formation of Education Subcommittee and review of online presence

Discussion of potentially creating a new subcommittee.

12. Marina Revitalization

Discussion of upcoming public input toward plans for the Marina revitalization.

13. Review of Task Force Officers

James Van Akkeren reaffirmed as Chair. Rebecca Clarke reaffirmed as Vice Chair.

14. Possible new Task Force meeting date

Discussion on moving future meetings to Wednesday.

15. Events of Interest:

In the Weeds Book Club 12/14/2023 5:30pm, Mead Library

Nature at Noon - Sustainability 1/9/2024 12:00pm, Maywood

Glacial Lakes Conservancy has regular events for members

NEXT MEETING DATE

15. Next Meeting Date: January 10, 2024

ADJOURN

16. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:09 PM.

Motion made by Chris Kuehnel, seconded by Akshay Jain. Motion carried.