

Sustainable Marshfield Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chair Marty Anderson in the Executive Conference Room, lower level, City Hall Plaza

Members present: Gary Cummings, Randy Lueth, Sue Meyer, Georgette Frazer, Tim Janssen, and Dave Bredendick, and Marty Anderson,

Members absent: None

Others present: Amy Krogman, Amy Peterson, Jim Benson, Liz Gisvold, Celia Sturl-Stanley, and Jim Lee

Motion by Cummings, second by Meyer to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2010 meeting.

Motion carried

Citizens Comments:

- Georgette Frazer requested that MACCI be added to the mailing list.
- Peter Manley was unable to attend the meeting, but sent an e-mail to the committee stating that Mary Kluz is working on a professionally produce video on sustainability. It will feature Marshfield in part. The filming will occur on August 31st, September 1st or September 2nd. Also, he had looked over the chicken ordinance and felt it was fairly standard.
- Jim Bensen stated several concerns regarding the raising of chickens in the city. He was questioning diseases and who would enforce the ordinance.
- Liz Grisvold stated she has chickens in town and have had no issues with neighbors. She invited the committee to come to see her coop whenever they would like.
- Celia Sturl-Stanley stated she is the poultry leader for 4H and she had members who will help people construct their coops, etc.
- Jim Lee stated he has worked in four nursing homes and he looks at the chickens as a way to keep people active.
- Sue Meyer stated the Community Garden is having a presentation on Eating Fresh. The gardens are going very well.
- Georgette Frazer reported on the Marshfield Green Team is focusing on an event on October 10, 2010. There was a speaker at the Energy Fair whose organization called 350.org is focused on reducing the parts per million CO² to 350. It is currently at 390. On October 10, 2010 there is going to be sites across the country doing different activities to promote this idea. This will be discussed on July 19th at the Library.

Tim Janssen and Dave Bredendick were introduced as new members on the committee.

Marty Anderson and Amy Peterson reported on a new grant opportunity called Climate Showcase Community Grant. This is a grant opportunity for Marshfield's Main Street. The grant offers sizeable grants to communities that demonstrate innovative approaches to greenhouse gas reductions. The deadline for applying for the grant is July 26th.

Motion by Bredendick, second by Janssen to send a letter of intent to apply for the Climate Showcase Communities grant.

Motion Carried

Amy Krogman reported that the budget needs to be submitted by July 23, 2010. \$5,000 will be requested for 2011. This is the same as the past year.

The committee discussed the proposed wording for the chicken ordinance. Amy Krogman will update the wording and bring it back to the next committee meeting for approval. Sue Meyer and Georgette Frazer will present the proposed wording to the Plan Commission.

Tim Janssen left at 6:35 p.m.

The committee discussed the proposed Mission Statement which is:

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The committee changed some wording as follows:

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This will be discussed at the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Krogman
Mayor's Secretary