

SUSTAINABLE MARSHFIELD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm by Marty Anderson in the Executive Conference Room.

Members present: Gary Cummings, Sue Meyer, Marty Anderson, Tim Janssen, Liz Gisvold, Georgette Frazer.

Members Absent: Randy Lueth

Others present: Debbie Janz, Lucille Tack Center for the Arts; Jim Benson, Marshfield Utility; Steve Barg, City Administrator; and Amy Krogman, Administrative Assistant.

Debbie Janz from the Lucille Tack Center for the Arts gave a presentation to the committee on an upcoming performance from Bella Gaia. Bella Gaia (Beautiful Earth) successfully simulates space flight, is a 'Living Atlas' multimedia journey of our world, and expresses the deeply moving beauty of planet Earth as seen through the eyes of astronauts. Created by award winning director and classically trained violinist Kenji Williams, and in collaboration with NASA, Bella Gaia features live performances by Williams and world music artists against a large-screen backdrop of orbiting visualizations of Earth from space. Debbie invited the Sustainable Marshfield Committee to have a display at this performance which will be held on March 4, 2012.

Motion by Meyer, second by Cummings to nominate Marty Anderson for Chair.
Motion Carried

Motion by Frazer, second by Gisvold to nominate Sue Meyer for Vice-Chair.
Motion Carried

Motion by Cummings, second by Janssen to approve the minutes of April 12, 2011
Motion Carried

Citizen Comments

Meyer updated the committee on the Community Gardens. They are established at three sites. UW just put in some plots and the alternative high school is putting a couple of boxes in the W. 5th Street gardens. Currently there are approximately 90 plots.

There will be education events throughout the summer. On July 13, Jim Bauer will be speaking on vertical gardening and container gardening, on July 27th Jill McCauley will be speaking on eating fresh from the garden, on August 17th Connie Eisch will be speaking about canning and preservation. Location for these events has not been set yet.

They are also focusing on share a square. At each location there is a square that will be planted for donations for Mary's Place, Shirley's House of Hope, Soup and Socks, and St. Vincent DePaul. There will also be bins at each location for people to donate produce.

Marshfield Area Respite Care Center is having their Garden Tour on June 26th. This is the main fundraiser for them.

Frazer stated they had their water monitoring training this spring. They have 4 teams up and running.

The committee discussed how they would be able to monitor the energy usage of the City of Marshfield. Steve Barg stated he agreed it would be worthwhile, but we have to be certain that this information can be obtained without an unreasonable amount of work. Jim Benson stated that electricity is 57% of energy consumption. Jim will work on getting the information using a June 30th cutoff date.

The committee went over the final cost of the Expo. In the 2012 budget a revenue account will be established for the expo. \$5,000 will be requested for the 2012 budget. The question was asked if people can donate to the expo through the City.

Cummings left at 6:25 p.m.

The committee watched a video that Public Access had done with Brian Carter, who is a graduate of Marshfield High School and is now an architect in Oregon. He has developed several sustainable projects. The committee would like to interview more people for the public access channel.

Marshfield News Herald article schedule:

May – Georgette

June – Sue

July – Tim

August – Liz

Sept – Jim Schmidt

Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Krogman