SUSTAINABLE MARSHFIELD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 11, 2011

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

Members present: Marty Anderson, Randy Lueth, Gary Cummings, Tim Jenssen, Georgette Frazer, Liz Gisvold, Sue Meyer.
Others present Steve Barg, Jim Benson, Ed Englehart, Betsy Tanenbum and Tyler Tanenbum.

Motion by Gary, second by Randy to approve of the Minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: Sue announced $500 grant from the Marshfield Community Foundation was awarded to provide speaker support for the Green Living Expo.

An Update on the 25 x 25 grant project was provided by Jim Benson and Steve Barg. Positive energy savings are indicated since implementation. A further detailed report is scheduled to be available by the November meeting. Jim attended an informational meeting on compressed natural gas for vehicle use.

Integrated Pest Management Policy was discussed. Betsy spoke as a concerned citizen of the health and environmental concerns of the application of lawn chemicals in public spaces. Ed explained trialing and transition of implementing the IPM policy in reducing the amount of harmful chemicals.

Community Gardens are in the process of final harvesting and clean up.

Local Food Event. Sara Richie provided correspondence that on October 24, 2011 there will be an event at Mid State Technical School in Wisconsin Rapids. Invited members to be panelists.
Central Wisconsin Food Shed invited Sustainable Marshfield to be a partner in their next Farm Fresh Atlas. The cost would be $100 with the deadline of November 15, 2011. This was deferred to next the November agenda.

Green Living and Energy Expo. Marty will be advising of the first meeting tentatively for the last week in October for a 7 am time.

Solar system program for Marshfield is awaiting results of the grant application.

Air Quality Testing at the Frac Sand Plant was discussed. Concerns we brought up regarding particulate matter, silica, water and air quality as well as sustainable jobs. There are 3 companies involved. Chris Meyer provided information on the city's involvement and the economic benefit. It was proposed to meet directly with Company representatives in the future to discuss these concerns.

Strategic Planning session will be held on Saturday November 12 from 9-12 noon.

News Herald Articles:
October – Marty
November – Liz
December – Open
January – Tim

Future agenda items.
November follow up includes: 25 x 25 data, Farm Fresh Atlas, Frac Sand Contact, Green Living Expo, Solar system grant results..
December follow up with IPM

Motion by Randy, Second by Liz to adjourn at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted.
Sue Meyer