

SUSTAINABLE MARSHFIELD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 8, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee was called to order at 5:30 PM by committee Vice Chair Sue Meyer, in the Executive Conference Room, City Hall Plaza.

Members present: Gary Cummings, Georgette Frazer, Tim Janssen, Sue Meyer.

Others present: none

Minutes of the October 11th meeting were deferred to the December meeting. None present had any corrections or additions for the current draft.

Citizen Comments: Gary shared a Wall Street Journal article from September 12th, given to him by Alderman Earll, titled "How to Build a Greener City." The committee members agreed to pass it around to each other. Sue mentioned that future federal funding for bike path projects has been curtailed. Gary said that funding for the projects that the city has planned for next summer is already secured and that the projects should go as planned.

25 X 25 Grant Project: No report.

Farm Fresh Atlas: Motion by Georgette, second by Tim, that \$100 be spent from the committee's budget to become a sponsor for the next edition of the Central Wisconsin Farm Fresh Atlas. Motion carried. Georgette will talk with Mary Maller, one of the atlas's creators, about the projected publication date for the new edition. With our sponsorship we wish to place an ad in the atlas promoting the March 24th Marshfield Green Living and Energy Expo (MGLEE.)

Green Living Expo (MGLEE): Tim updated the committee on the initial organizing meeting for the MGLEE Steering Committee. Marty Anderson and Cathy Lotzer again agreed to co-chair the group. The committee will meet monthly in November and December, and then meet every two weeks until the Expo. Task areas were delineated and assigned. Gary Cummings expressed an interest in coming to the meetings and requested that he be placed on the committee's email list.

Solar System Grant Results: No report.

Frac Sand Contract: General discussion was held regarding the city's approach to the current contracts. Georgette expressed a concern about a recent presentation to Rotary of the economic impact of the frac sand operations on the city and county. During the presentation only some of the economic benefits were explained and none of the costs. A more balanced approach to presenting development decisions by the city in the future would improve the city's credibility and broader discussion by the public could improve the decision-making process. She asked what the committee's role might be in providing information to lead toward more sustainable development-related decisions in the future.

Gary said that the frac sand operations are ongoing now, and that the decisions have been made for these developments. Georgette recommended that some monitoring be done, particularly with respect to air quality, water quality, and economic development measures, to protect the citizens' interest and investment. She is working with Marty to arrange a conference with Tom Giordani from Completion Industrial Minerals. She also recommended that we add to our strategic planning priorities a project to explore ways for our committee to be included earlier on in the development review process.

Strategic Planning Meeting Date: Marty Anderson has requested that the November 12th date be changed. The committee members will provide him with the Saturday dates in December when they will be available, and will await a final decision by Marty.

News-Herald Articles:

November: Members asked if Liz had provided the November article as planned – no one knew.

We think that she may have requested to move her due date to December.

December: open

January: Tim Janssen

February: Georgette will check with Jim Schmidt about doing an update on the new fire depot's success in conserving energy and water, among other sustainable design aspects.

March: topic will be MGLLE -- no author yet assigned

Future agenda items: it was requested that all current agenda items be repeated in December. Also, the committee asked that Ed Englehart be invited to give an update on the Integrated Pest Management project. If the Strategic Planning meeting has been held by then, there will also be a recap/follow up item on the agenda.

Tim mentioned that he would not be available for the December monthly meeting.

Motion by Tim, second by Gary to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgette Frazer