

SUSTAINABLE MARSHFIELD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, August 14, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Marty Anderson in Room 108, City Hall Plaza.

Members present: Gary Cummings, Randy Lueth, Julie Schafer, Marty Anderson, Sue Meyer, and Betsy Tanenbaum

Members absent: Tim Janssen

Others present: Floreine Kurtzell

Motion by Cummings, second by Meyer to approve the July 10, 2012 minutes

Motion carried

Citizen Comments:

Randy and Marty provided an update on the Solar Grant Project. Randy reported that the Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts is pursuing an additional grant (Focus on Energy) for corporations to assist with their transition to solar power. The organization will include a structural analysis in their grant application; a super structure in the roof may be required.

Randy reported that Bryant Moroder is happy with the Marshfield numbers for the Solar Grant Project. Eight residences and three commercial properties are on board (3 in Marshfield city limits).

Sue provided an update on the Community Gardens. A lunch for students and family that helped plant will be held on August 27th at Lincoln School.

Some of the garden plots are suffering from inadequate harvesting and a lot of produce is going to waste.

To begin the strategic planning process, Marty provided an explanation of back-casting as a process for planning for the future.

Reviewed minutes from January Strategic Planning.

Long and Short Plan Goals:

1. City of Marshfield still committed to sustainability:

- a) Lack of connections comprehensively with all department
- b) Present our strategic plans to council so there is an understanding of our goals
 - a. What support do we need
 - b. Submit presentation in advance
 - c. 2nd meeting of the month (December 2012)
- c) Meet one-on-one with Council members to discuss initiatives (letter ahead of time); invite on council member per month to SMC meeting
- d) Department heads have all completed Natural Step training
- e) Next individuals in chain of command
- f) Assemble Development brochure

- g) Accomplish by the end of 2012
- 2. City working to reduce City residential energy use by 20%
 - a) Individuals may not want people in their homes for energy audits
 - b) Limited hours available for Jim to conduct audits
 - c) Ask Jim Benson for update at September, 2012 meeting
- 3. MGLEE
 - a) Make more sustainable overtime so it is not dependent on funding that may not be there
- 4. Low income revolving loan program
 - a) Energy conservation
 - b) Research current programs available before developing our own
 - c) Paula Jero from United at October, 2012 meeting
 - d) Jim Benson from Marshfield Utilities at September, 2012 meeting
- 5. 20% reduction in maintained turf grass in Marshfield
 - a. Public education
 - b. City ordinance on height of grass
 - c. GIS analysis of maintained turf grass
 - d. Does Ed already have these
 - e. Executive summary on City ordinance on alternative plant material.

2012 Agenda Meetings

September:

- o Jim Benson
- o Bob Workinger – newest council member
- o JEd Englehart
- o Summary of turf grass ordinance
- o Development Brochure Draft
- o Solar Program updates

October:

- o Paula Jero and Jim Benson – revolving loans for low income
- o MGLEE
- o Updates of Development Brochure – Final draft
- o John Spiros
- o Solar Program updates

November:

- o Pete Hendler
- o MGLEE
- o Steve Barg – Natural Step Training
- o Solar Project updates
- o 25 x 25 updates
- o Draft of Council Presentation for December

December:

- Clean-up Agenda – what still needs to be addressed

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Krogman, Administrative Secretary