Sustainable Marshfield Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2007

The monthly meeting of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair Sue Meyer in the Executive Conference Room, City Hall Plaza.

Members Present: Sue Meyer, Georgette Frazer, Dan Umhoefer, Carl Scott, Chris Meyer, and Marty Anderson (arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

Members Absent: Josh Hansen

Others Present: Amy Krogman, Lori Belongia, Barb Gillespie, and Joe Motacek

Motion by Carl Scott, 2nd by Sue Meyer to approve minutes of October 2, 2007 meeting. All ayes, Motion Carried

Citizen Comments: Barb Gillespie spoke regarding the green team at the First Presbyterian Church. She offered their support to the Sustainable Marshfield Committee

Lori Belongia discussed partnership ideas between this committee and the Library. She has looked into their collection of books regarding sustainability ideas and most are from the 90's. There are several grants available which we could apply for with the help of the Library. There is one grant that needs matching funds. Lori was thinking that the Friends of the Library would be willing to help with some of the matching funds and the money received could fund some new books. The money would be awarded in May.

Motion by Chris Meyer, 2nd by Carl Scott to explore grant opportunities for funding additional resources at the Public Library. Motion and 2nd withdrawn

Committee decided to work on their goals first and then work on the grant applications.

Chris Meyer updated the committee on the Leadership Marshfield class. At this point no commitments have been made on the projects. One idea being discussed is mass transit.

Georgette Frazer told the committee that the MACCI Business Expo is having a green theme. There will be networking in the morning, a luncheon with speaker at noon, then booths will be open in the afternoon for the public. The April Business After 5 will be held at the expo that evening.

Last year the Sustainable Marshfield group had a booth at the Cultural Fair. Carl Scott set up a poster display of green downtown areas. It wasn't a big draw with all the other activities. Georgette stated there may be other ways the committee can help with the Fair. She will keep the committee informed. The committee felt they could possibly hand out flyers and support the sustainable portion of the fair. They asked Amy to contact Marshfield Utilities to see what they would have available for handouts.

Next meeting will be held on January 8th at 5:00 p.m. at the Marshfield Public Library
A Strategic Planning Session will be held on January 12th from 9 – noon at the Marshfield Public Library.

The committee discussed the proposed power plant. Sue Meyer feels it doesn't fit with the Sustainable Marshfield Mission Statement and feels the committee should oppose the building of the plan in Marshfield. This will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

Motion by Chris Meyers, 2nd by Carl Scott to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. All ayes, Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Krogman