

Sustainable Marshfield Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2007

The monthly meeting of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Marty Anderson in the Soo Line Room, Wildwood Station, 1800 S. Central Ave., Marshfield.

Members Present: Sue Meyer, Josh Hansen, Marty Anderson, Georgette Frazer, Chris Meyer, Carl Scott, and Dan Umhoefer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Amy Krogman, Tom Turchi, and Jim Schmidt

Chris Meyer updated the committee on Leadership Marshfield. He was unable to attend the retreat, but had passed on the project ideas to Diane Wolf and Debbie Bauer. Typically the groups will begin to pick their projects within the next two months. Chris will check with Diane or Debbie to see what the projects are this year.

Carl Scott explained to the committee what the American Institute of Architects Center for Communities by Design request for proposals is. This grant is open to any type of sustainable architecture. There is a possibility the fire station would qualify. He had sent the information to Mike Brehm as a future reference. He does not feel the committee is ready at this point to apply for grants. Amber Miller, Director of Planning and Economic Development, will be invited to a future meeting to discuss the writing of grants. This is only one of thousands of grants that are available for sustainable projects. Georgette Frazer stated that Marquette University Library is a great resource for grants.

Georgette Frazer is on the streetscape committee which is planning the amenities for Central Ave. They are currently looking at lighting. One aspect of lighting they are looking at is efficiency of the lights.

The committee discussed the bidding process which the City uses for different projects. They felt the City should try to use local contractors which would lessen the amount of fuel needed for them to come to the projects. Tom Turchi stated that even if the contractor is not from the area, they tend to purchase materials locally to cut down on shipping costs.

The committee began discussing their long and short term goals. They discussed the APA guidelines. The guidelines are based on the Natural Step program that was started in Sweden. Eugene, OR is the first community to join the Natural Step. Sue Meyer's son lives in Eugene. She was asked if she could get some materials from Eugene to bring to the next committee meeting.

Some of the goals the committee discussed were:

Forming an alliance with other sustainable communities.

- Joining the ICLEI
- Research and promote what rebates are offered. Marshfield Utilities does not belong to Focus on Energy because municipal utilities were able to opt out when it was formed and there was a concern that the \$3 per bill charge was being used to balance the budget. They hire the same organization which oversees Focus on Energy to oversee their rebates, so they are able to offer the same rebate to residents. Marshfield does not offer rebate for commercial properties.
- Fleet vehicle idling policy
- Purchasing more efficient cars for the taxi system

- Phosphorus free fertilizer policy

The committee discussed giving an annual presentation to the Common Council. It was decided the presentation should take place before the Capital Improvement Program begins. Department heads should keep sustainability in mind when developing their projects.

Next meeting will be held on November 6th at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall.

Motion by Carl Scott, 2nd by Josh Hansen to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Krogman