Sustainable Marshfield Committee Minutes September 18, 2006

The meeting of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Stanton W. Mead Education and Visitor Center, Mead Wildlife Area, Milladore, WI.

Present: Dan Knoeck, Director of Public Works; Tom Turchi, City Engineer; Amber Miller, Director of Planning and Economic Development; Sue Meyer, citizen; Chris Meyer, 6th Ward Alderman; Mike Brehm, City Administrator; Sherrie Gruder, UW Extension – Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center; Mary Kluz, Marathon County – UW Extension; Peter Manley, Wood County UW – Extension; Kirk Langfoss, Conservation Specialist Marathon County; Ron Dickrell, Wastewater Utility; Mike Meyers, Mayor; Keith Strey, Finance Director

Absent: Joe Pacovsky, Utilities Manager; David Leding, Marshfield Door Systems; Mike Wolfgram, Marshfield Clinic; Bob Merkel, Badger Housing; Ken Heiman, Nasonville Dairy; Steve Fuerlinger, Associated Bank; and Scott Boson, The Boson Company; Carl Scott, Vuepoint Architecture; Dan Umhoefer, citizen; Dan Helwig, Design Unlimited; Marty Anderson, 4th Ward Alderman; Mary Rentmeester, St. Vincent de Paul; and Stephen Schulte, citizen.

Others Present: Tom Brown; Jim Alexander, Larry Schuh, and Amy Krogman, Mayor's Secretary

Sherry Gruder gave a presentation on green buildings. She covered budget impacts, community impacts, what makes a green building, and what are the benefits of a green building.

Tom Brown, the architect who designed the Stanton W. Mead Education and Visitor Center gave the committee a tour of the facility and explained to the committee how it was built.

Peter Manley and Mary Kluz presented a handout and chart on the opportunities for improvement that were developed at last month's meeting. The basic categories included: Green Building (6 votes), Water Quality/Availability (5 votes), Transportation (4 votes), Reversing Contamination (4 votes), Business Government Partnership (2 votes), Building a Sense of Community (2 votes) and Resource Conservation (1 vote). The committee made no changes to the list of opportunities.

Peter Manley and Mary Kluz stated the need to develop subcommittees to develop specific recommendations to present to the city council. They presented a broad time line: Subcommittee Formation (September 2006), Subcommittee Research, Subcommittee Recommendation on Topic Areas to larger Committee, Sustainable Marshfield Committee makes formal recommendation, write report, finalize report, present report to City Council, City Council takes action. Peter and Mary then asked participants to sign up for at least one of the three main subcommittees. Amy said that people not at the meeting would be emailed and asked subcommittee preference. Sign-ups so far include: Green Building: Chris Miller, Amber Miller, Keith Strey. Quality of Environment: Sue Meyer, Ron Dickrell, Kirk Langfoss, Mike Brehm. Transportation: Dan Knoeck.

No meeting date was established.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Krogman Mayor's Secretary