

Sustainable Marshfield Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Marty Anderson in the General Meeting Room of the Marshfield Public Library.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Amy Krogman, Lori Belongia, Mike Brehm, and others

Motion by Chris Meyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh Hansen to approve minutes of December 4, 2007, All Ayes, Motion Carried

Citizen Comments – Tom Turchi, City Engineer, had asked Sue Meyer to pass on to the committee a suggestion to install motion lights in City Hall.

Chris Meyer reported that Leadership Marshfield will meet on January 17<sup>th</sup>. At that time he will find out what the projects are.

The committee discussed the strategic planning session which is scheduled for Saturday, January 12. Sue Meyer felt the committee should start implementing some changes such as energy miser kits for the city vending machines and a phosphorus fertilizer ban. Carl Scott stated he felt the committee needs to step back and look at where they want to go. Georgette suggested an exercise called red dot/green dot. The committee will come up with suggestions of what they want the committee to look at. The people in attendance at the strategic planning session will be given red dots and green dots. They will put green dots on the suggestions they think are priorities and red dots on the ones they don't think are useful.

The committee discussed other sustainable communities such as Portland and Eugene Oregon. These communities are very dedicated to remaining sustainable. Biking is promoted by having covered bike racks and drive through bakeries for bikes. Restaurants have even taken some of their prime parking spots for bike racks.

A discussion was held on the proposed power plant. George Frazer would like to propose to have part of the project costs be dedicated to energy conservation. Carl Scott felt the better way would be to work with the users. This plant is being built to be used during peak demand times. Sue Meyer felt the power plant does not go with being a sustainable community. She is concerned how this is going to effect future generations. She feels that an energy audit should be done to see what our needs are. Other communities offer peak load incentives and she felt we should be doing the same. Chris Meyer stated the utility has a responsibility to provide electricity to their customers. There are positive like the use of this plant will reduce the use of a coal plant.

Motion by Carl Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Meyer to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. All ayes, Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Krogman