

Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE	September 20, 2021
PLACE	Zoom Meeting
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	4:04 p.m.
MEETING ADJOURNED	4:57 p.m.

ROLL CALL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jamie Hasemeier	X	
Michael Stauss	X	
Padraic McGrath	X	
Elizabeth Schappe	X	
Jeffrey Tomich	X	
Paul Barrs	X	
John Berendzen	X	
Jeffrey Mazur	X	

Also Present: Laura Arnold, City Council Liaison, Brad Brueggmann, Assistant Director of Public Works, Eric Peterson, Assistant City Manager

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.
2. Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. Paul motioned to approve; Jeff seconded.
3. There were no Visitor Comments to address.

Old Business.

4. Sustainability Plan. Survey went out to WG businesses and Boards and Commission Members. We had a good response. 27% answered (industry average is 22.8%). The Staff of Public Affairs and Engagement was a big help and the Commission noted our appreciation of their efforts.
5. Our strategy is for “three waves” of engagement with the survey: the first is as noted above. Second will be Community Facebook page. The Third will be a community meeting.
6. Jamie has been scheduling one on one meetings with key stakeholders to make them aware of our efforts. These include City Council members, City Manager and Department Heads.
7. Green Cities Challenge was discussed. Jamie and Mike have been working on the checklist. The Commission discussed the elimination of Styrofoam containers from City run properties (e.g. Rec Center). Follow up required.
8. Mayors for Clean Energy update: WG has become a signatory to the document.
9. Douglas Hill Subcommittee: Jeff will work with the City to schedule the next subcommittee meeting. Laura noted the City will hold public hearings. There are three items under review: the

proposed TIF, the change in zoning and the development agreement. Of these, the change in zoning and development agreement will run simultaneously.

10. Laura again noted that Commission members are welcome to comment as WG citizens, in addition to our efforts as a group. The Commission can make specific or general suggestions. Laura noted the Plan Commission has already commented on the use of photovoltaic panels on rooftops and composting as recommendations.

New Business

11. Jamie introduced new commission member Jeff Mazur. (this happened before “Old Business”)
12. The potential for a city-wide pumpkin composting collection was discussed as a post Halloween event. We decided that before this moves forward we should determine if our waste collection allows us to place pumpkins in with the yard waste. If this is allowed, we could potentially get this message out to the citizenry – all in an effort to reduce landfill use. Elizabeth will contact Waste Management.
13. Jamie noted that we have two candidates for our one unfilled Commission seat. They are both highly qualified. The commission agreed by unanimous vote to suggest to Council one voting member, and one ad hoc member.
14. Laura noted that City Council is having a Strategic Planning Session October 15th. She will bring up the issue of a City Sustainability Plan.
15. Next meeting: TBD
16. Motion to adjourn by John: Jeff seconded. Adjourned at 4:57

End of minutes.