



Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023

MISSION:

"To assure the common good through services essential for a safe, sustainable, engaged and healthy community."

DATE: November 15, 2023

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall, North Conf. Rm.

CHAIR: Brian Graff

RECORDER: Katrina Berg, Asst. Planner

Members Present: Steve Betchkal, Gary Pesicka, Janis Tyler, Gail Halmstad, Amy Kalmon, Jim Schumacher

Absent: Monica Obrycki, Cameron Bump, Brian Graff,

Staff in attendance: Katrina Berg (staff)

Public in attendance: Sue Waits & Kathy Campbell

AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order

Vice Chair Gary Pesicka called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Roll Call

Vice Chair Gary Pesicka took the roll and a quorum was met.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Approval of July and August 2023 Meeting Minutes

Committee member Kalmon made a motion to approve of the minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Betchkal. Unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda.

Public Discussions

Item #5A Overview of proposed electric vehicle bill

Katrina Berg shared that there is draft bill that states that "No state agency may own, operate, manage, or lease an electric vehicle charging station containing a Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 charger unless the charger is not available to the public and is used solely to charge vehicles owned or leased by a state agency."

Committee members discussed the bill and wanted to have more information before making a stance on the topic. The general sentiment was that committee members were suspicious of and averse to the bill.

Item #5B Discussion on 2024 Work Plan

Katrina Berg presented the 2024 work plan draft and asked for committee and public input on any additions that the committee would like to have staff consider adding.

Member of the public, Sue Waits, wants the committee to consider adding more work with waste diversion – Coordination with trash haulers, composting, single-use plastics, support composting in schools and at community events, more public outreach, a resolution with council to acknowledge the problem of single use plastics etc.

Committee member Betchkal distributed a document of his proposed items for the work plan.

Committee member Tyler asked that new buildings are required/incentivized to build with building efficiency.

Guest Kathy Campbell asked that the critical pathways are reincluded. She also supported reinstating the waste diversion work plan item from 2022 and to coordinate with trash haulers and landfills to divert items from the landfill.

Guest Sue Waits requested to change sustainability annual awards, participation in the earth week event, and working with schools as specific actions under the “what” of community outreach.

Jim Schumacher wants the City to consider electric buses or an alternative electric mode of transportation. He also is interested on how the city can leverage money from the Inflation Reduction Act to support local and regional sustainability sectors.

Other Business Agenda Items

Item #6A Community Updates

Katrina Berg shared that the joint solar project that SAC supported at the last meeting was approved at City Council’s last meeting.

Katrina Berg also shared that the City received the CDP report score of “B” which is also the regional average.

Amy Kalmon updated the group about the Green Tier Legacy Community event and gave the DNR kudos for their landfill research they shared about at the event.

Discussion and Direction

AGENDA ITEM #8A: Future Agenda Items

- Workplan update and planning

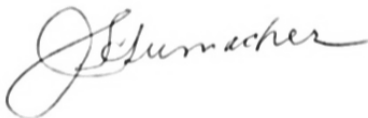
AGENDA ITEM #8B: Announcements

- Betchkal asked about if there was going to be a city council member at the committee.
- Committee member asked to update the webpage to include Janis Tyler’s name.
- Gail Halmstad asked about the zoning code update.

AGENDA ITEM #9: Adjournment

Committee Member Schumacher motioned to adjourn, Committee Member Tyler seconded. The meeting adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Jim Schumacher, Secretary

FUTURE MEETING DATES:	TIME:	LOCATION:
September 20th, 2023	3:30 p.m.	City Hall, N. Conf. Room