

Sustainability Council Minutes May 13, 2020 4:00 by Zoom

Present: Jennifer McLaughlin, Chair, Stephanie Aure, Robin Butterbaugh, Mike Lockrem, Anna Barr, Betty L Beer, Bob McGrath, Jane Hegland, Jacob Meshke.

Absent: Paul Peterson & Shelly Brandenburger

Agenda approved: McGrath motioned/Aure second. Unanimous approval
Last month's minutes unanimously approved: McGrath motioned/Butterbaugh second.

Open forum for members of public: none

Jacob reported on the City Initiative of **an electric vehicle charging station**. Clytes Electric won the bid, the cement pad is in and site prep photos are available. It will take 2-3 weeks to install and should be in by early June. The rates are \$1.00 for each of the first three hours, and \$2.00 per hour after that, with \$5.00 for a full charge. There is no nozzle for Tesla, but the Tesla itself has an adaptor.

Jacob reported that the **Landfill citizen campus** will be open 24/7 from May-November. 2,000 carts out of 4-5,000 have been distributed. Citizens can drop off yard waste. There will be home use compost to take and a recycle bin as well. There will be a place for garbage and bag disposal.

Jacob reported that they are still pursuing grants for **Community Composting**.

It was reported that there were 24 responses to **the Business Survey** from 184 downtown businesses. She had a printout of the general comments.

Recycling: We will hold off recycling efforts, but will create digital signage to limit single use plastics for businesses to use. We will focus on reducing waste instead of recycling. We will talk to businesses first as to efficacy. We will work with Ashley Biggar at the Chamber for outreach to businesses. Anna will get on the Chamber agenda and will develop the digital images.

Sustainability Awards: The City will cancel for 2020 and we won't go ahead on our own. Motion from Norma, seconded by Robin. Unanimous agreement.

Common Read: The Library is still interested and has purchased "Falter" by Bill McKibben for book clubs. Nels suggests 2-3 sessions to discuss and he will distribute scenarios for discussion by groups who can socially distance as he believes it would not be good on Zoom. There was a motion by Mike, second by Robin to move forward at least on reading and virtual discussion since the timing is good now. Unanimous agreement. Jacob mentioned that our committee

still has funds for books or perhaps for expenses for a design for reusable water bottles with a view toward reducing plastic waste.

Subcommittees:

Marketing and Communication: They will meet Friday and discuss Common Read and Social Media ideas.

Waste—no update

Energy—Nick Brown information

Local Foods—additional community gardens is stalled for now. Jacob will follow up

Update from Liaisons:

City Bike: Mike reported that **the Bicycle Advisory Committee** is working on easements for circular path around the city on the NW campus and around the airport. Mike will also look into whether the master plan has anything about signage to walk bikes downtown. Mills Construction is making shared use paths in new neighborhoods to connect to the circular path

Mike made a motion to adjourn, Bob seconded. Unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty L Beer, Secretary