

SUSTAINABLE LA CROSSE COMMISSION

Thursday, February 24, 2011
7 Bridges Restaurant, Onalaska, WI
4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn Pedretti, Dan Bagniewski, Wayne Olson, R. Jean Salk, Rob Tyser

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mike Giese, Jai Johnson, Brad Konkel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Schmidt

OTHERS PRESENT: Margaret Norden, Karl Green, Jerry Severson, Beth Piggush

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Marilyn Pedretti called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2011

MOTION by Tyser/Salk to approve the Minutes of January 27, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Giese, Johnson, Konkel excused; Schmidt absent.

ANNUAL CODE OF ETHICS REVIEW FOR CITY MEMBERS

The City of La Crosse representatives were not at the meeting. The item will be put on the agenda again if requested by the City.

AGENCY REPORTS/INFORMATIONAL UPDATE

None provided.

DISCUSSION ON 2011 GOALS AND REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Karl Green distributed spreadsheets that organized County goals in the City-County Strategic Plan for Sustainability by department. He led the committee in prioritizing goals according to the timeframe and actions (study, fiscal analysis and/or funding, government policy, education, and community networking) that each goal would require to accomplish. A short recess was held for a meal from 5:40 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. When the meeting reconvened, discussion focused on priorities that were set at the 2010 retreat when the committee was formed, and whether those goals were accomplished or still feasible:

- LEED standards - form a subcommittee to recommend County policy by the end of 2011. This item will be brought forward on the next agenda;
- Burn barrels - collaborate with the Health and Solid Waste Departments to put forward municipal ordinances;
- Construction/demolition recycling ordinance
- Work with non-profits to establish wind turbines

Further discussion was then held regarding 2011 goals, such as establishing office sustainability coordinators to champion issues. Discussion was also held regarding availability of City of La Crosse staff in providing departmental reports and direction on City policy-making. **MOTION** by Tyser/Salk to request a City staff member to attend meetings and facilitate communication between the Sustainable La Crosse Commission and City of La Crosse offices. **Motion carried unanimously.** Giese, Johnson, Konkel excused; Schmidt absent.

It was the consensus of the committee to bring their top five goals to the March 24, 2011, meeting to continue the discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Purchasing Section report on its part in Strategic Plan for Sustainability

Information Technology report on its part in Strategic Plan for Sustainability

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 24, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Olson/Bagniewski to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Giese, Johnson, Konkel excused; Schmidt absent. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved, April 28, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder