

CITY OF MONONA
Sustainability Committee
Thursday, July 8, 2021
Meeting Minutes – FINAL

1. Call to Order

6:34 PM – Meeting called to order by Alder Molly Grupe

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Alder Molly Grupe, Chris Conrad, Sarah Smith, Sue Vogt

Absent: Alder Nancy Moore, Dan Costello, Teresa Radermacher, Ken Walz

Staff Present: Elisa Guerrero

3. Approval of Minutes from the June 10, 2021 Sustainability Committee Meeting

The Committee did not have quorum, so the minutes from could not be passed.

4. Appearances

None

5. Unfinished Business

A. Energy Campaign

i. Renew WI Webinar Promotion

Elisa explained the ways the Renew webinar would be promoted, including Facebook, the website and a PSA. Molly volunteered to record the PSA. Chris asked if it would be possible to live-stream or record the webinar for those unable to attend, and Elisa agreed to follow up with Renew staff about recording.

ii. Monona Community Festival Tabling – Recap

Molly and Sarah recapped the outreach efforts at the community festival, saying there was some interest in solar information, but not much engagement overall. Because the committee had success at National Night Out in 2019, Molly suggested the Committee table at that event and possibly at the Fall Festival in October. Sue suggested a booth at the Farmer’s market as another good outreach opportunity, and Molly said the content would likely have to be about sustainable or seasonal food, rather than the existing energy-related content the Committee has.

B. 2021 Project Priorities – Discussion

Chris suggested leaving the bulk of the project priorities discussion for the next meeting, when most of the committee is present, but commented that he felt hiring a half-time sustainability staff member should be a priority. Chris and Sue shared that the priorities survey that Nancy sent out was challenging to navigate.

6. New Business

A. Sustainability Committee 2022 Budget – Discussion

The Committee decided to hold this agenda item for the next meeting.

7. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Discussion Items – Projects, Programs, Policies, or Budget Considerations for Council Advisement

Molly shared that the Outlet burial mound at Indian Mound Park had been mowed and wanted to discuss best practices for maintaining the Native American burial mounds in Monona, so that the mounds are more easily identifiable and better respected. She wondered if there was some way for the Committee or some other community members to help maintain the mound if it was left un-mowed. Sue had connections to the staff who maintain the burial mounds on the UW Madison campus and said she would get their advice on best practices.

8. Important Updates from Committee Members or Items to Consider for Future Agendas

Molly asked that outreach for National Night Out and the Fall Festival be agenda items for the next meeting.

9. Actionable Items

None

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: First – Chris, second – Sue. Passed at 7:00pm.