

CITY OF MONONA
Sustainability Committee
Thursday, July 14, 2022
Meeting Minutes – FINAL

1. Call to Order

6:38 PM – Meeting called to order by Alder Teresa Radermacher.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Alder Teresa Radermacher, Sue Vogt, Sarah Smith, Dan Costello

Absent: Ken Walz, Alder Patrick DePula

Staff Present: Elisa Guerrero, Sustainability Coordinator

3. Approval of Minutes from the May 12, 2022 Sustainability Committee Meeting

No vote was taken on the minutes, because the Committee did not have quorum.

4. Appearances

None

5. Unfinished Business

a. Community Outreach Calendar

Discussion of the outreach calendar was included in the agenda item discussing the 2015 Sustainability Plan.

6. New Business

a. 2021 Dashboard Presentation

This item was tabled.

b. Discussion of the 2015 Sustainability Plan

The Committee discussed feedback from Mayor O'Connor, who had asked that the Committee bring forward suggestions for action items based on the 2015 Sustainability Plan. There was discussion about the need for more guidance from the Mayor and others about what kind of action items could be called out from the Plan. In general, committee members felt that the committee could focus on either internal, city project related items, or could focus more externally on community education and outreach. Given the limited staff and committee member capacity, focusing on both would be difficult. Decisions about what community outreach calendar items to pursue would be contingent upon further guidance from the Mayor.

There was also discussion about how to build trust and credibility with other City committees, given the budgetary and decision-making constraints of the Sustainability Committee. There was consensus that in order to work better with other Committees, the Sustainability Committee would need to start working on projects or suggestions further in advance. It would also be beneficial for the Sustainability Committee to understand the challenges and constraints of other committees.

The Committee also briefly discussed how residents could be better engaged, especially if the 2015 Sustainability Plan was being revised, so that the Committee could present community feedback about sustainability issues to City Council and other staff.

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

None.

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

The Committee talked to Elisa about her experience as the staff liaison for the committee, since this was her last meeting in her staff role.

9. Actionable Items

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: First – Teresa, second - Dan. Carried. (8:10pm)