



SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, October 20, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Coon Rapids City Center

Conference Room 3

Call to Order

Roll Call

Adopt Agenda

AI-3908 Minutes

Old Business

0. AI-3910 Business Awards

New Business

7. AI-3909 City of Coon Rapids Utility Presentation

1. AI-3911 Sustainability Commission Schedule

Other Business

Adjourn



Sustainability Commission - Regular

Meeting Date: 10/20/2016

SUBJECT: Minutes

Attachments

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COON RAPIDS SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 16, 2016

The June 16, 2016 meeting of the Sustainability Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Members Present: Rebecca Holmlund, Tim Lockrem, Stacey Demer, Steve Pedersen, Chris Backes and Marcia Baudino

Members Absent: Christy Lamoreaux, Ed Dedman & Bob Krahn

Staff Present: Amanda Bednar

Others Present: None

1. Accept Agenda

Call to order at 6:30 pm. The addition of discussing the Sustainability Report was added to the agenda. Motion by Chris Backes to approve addition and agenda, seconded by Marcia Baudino. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Marcia Baudino, second by Rebecca Holmlund to approve minutes of the May 19, 2016 Sustainability Commission meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Commission members also briefly discussed adding AED Training in the fall for new members who have not been trained yet.

3. Business Awards

Staff provided information regarding business recognition programs for sustainable practices. GreenStep Cities provides various criteria that other cities have used for their programs. Certain programs were highlighted illustrating various options for a similar program in Coon Rapids.

Commission members discussed the various options and would like to focus on recognizing businesses and possibly households that are making sustainable choices. This criteria will likely be wide-ranging on topics such as recycling, resource reduction, energy conservation, water conservation, stormwater management and more. Members would like to be sure the criteria is achievable but also provides information to improve existing sustainability practices. They envision a two-tier program possibly with easier items and then more advance practices that would take a bit more work to complete. The group discussed a nomination process or businesses submitting their practices for recognition. These businesses, and possibly households, would then be recognized on the city website and possibly city newsletter. They would like to see the program start small with basic criteria and then get more advanced later on.

The tiered system would allow for easier recognition and encourage more businesses to be involved with the program. This would also allow the group to highlight those in the community already doing

well, a main goal of the program. Commission members would also like to look at longer term outcomes from changes and be able to track those items for businesses interested. The criteria would also allow for continuous improvements, much like the GreenStep Cities programs. The program would encourage innovative solutions, sustainability in various forms and recognition for all steps of the process. The group will work on brainstorming criteria over the summer months via email and work further on this in the fall.

4. Purchasing

The Commission also discussed possible recommendations for purchasing policies for the City. This is another priority of theirs and something recognized in the GreenStep Cities program. The group will pull together some of their recommendations related to paper purchasing, chemicals, efficient appliances or machinery, local purchasing preferences and more. The City of Minneapolis has a very extensive purchasing policy that Chris Backes shared with the group. The Commission will be creating an outlined recommendation based on their findings. City staff will talk with internal departments to find out more about current practices and what items could be purchased more sustainably without monetary restraints. This will also be worked on by the group over the summer via email.

5. Sustainability Report Update

The Sustainability Report continues to slowly be updated. The water portion has been updated and is almost finalized. Other sections can be updated as time allows. The group would like to again focus on stormwater reuse and management, track data related to water use, stormwater improvements and more. Members discussed the possibility of a study or more data related to stormwater in Coon Rapids. They plan to talk with Coon Creek Watershed District and other agencies about possibly projects, available funding and other options to help get more data related to Coon Rapids. The Sustainability Report will ideally also provide an outline with areas in Coon Rapids that need improvement. City staff will also work internally to get more information about future projects and possibly studies within the city.

The Report will have a working draft that all members can add to and edit as needed. Sections will be updated as time allows and continue to be added to as needed over the next few months.

6. Summer in the City Meetings

Dates were reviewed for the rest of the Summer in the City Meetings. Communication closer to events will be confirmed via email.

Tuesday, July 12 Sunrise Pond Park, 125 124th Lane: Ed and Tim

Tuesday, July 26 Vineyards Park, 11947 Vintage Street: Stacey

Tuesday, August 23 Kennedy Park, 8490 East River Road: Rebecca and Steve

7. Adjourn

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Motion by Steven Pedersen, seconded by Tim Lockrem to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



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