

City of Battle Creek
Sustainable BC Committee
City Hall 10 N. Division St.
Room 302A

Monday, February 3, 2020, 3:30pm

The purpose of this Committee is to increase the City's efforts to incorporate environmentally responsible, cost effective policy in the planning, administration and economic development of its built infrastructure and natural resources. The Committee may make recommendations to the City Commission for their consideration and will be available as a resource on sustainability policy.

The committee is grateful for the land upon which we live, and recognizes the Potawatomi Nation as the original inhabitants. The committee seeks to partner when possible with the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribe in stewardship of the land and its natural resources.

MINUTES

Call to Order – 3:32pm

Attendance – Commissioner Susan Baldwin, Bob Gilbert, Sarah Kelly, Kathy Antaya, Kurt Tribbett, Kristen Blood, Mayor Mark Behnke (left at 4:06 pm), Mike Myszka (arrived at 3:38pm), Andy Helmboldt (arrived at 3:50pm)

Non-Members – Bessie Stears, Patty Hoch-Melluish, Sue Anderson, Jacob Schacht

Approval of Minutes – January 2020 - Kristen Blood made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mayor Behnke. All Yes. Approved.

Reports:

- City energy efficiency activities – Kurt Tribbett discussed different items happening with the City of Battle Creek Department of Public Works.

- Environmental Programs update – Bessie Stears updated the Board on the upcoming events including the Children's Water Festival on May 8, 2020. Jacob Schacht talked about the trip to the Ludington Consumer's Facility and gave a short presentation. Sarah Kelly informed the Board about an upcoming solar farm into the county and Recyclerama.

- Planning updates - none

- City Commission updates - none

Sustainability Plan:

- Annual report to commission – Kathy Antaya made a motion to have the Chairperson create a one page report to the City Commission, seconded by Mike Myszka. All Yes. Approved.

Field Trips, Trainings, Etc. - none

Other Business

- Schedule for 2020 – Members discussed the 2020 upcoming schedule. The Board discussed the meetings being on the first Monday of every month at 3:30 except May, August, September, and November of 2020. Location to be at City Hall Room 302A. Kristen Blood made a motion to approve the schedule as discussed, seconded by Kathy Antaya. All Yes. Approved.

- Committee goals and activities for 2020 – Members discussed how to structure the meetings to cover the Sustainability Plan goals.

Public Comment – Susan Anderson discussed climate change and energy.

Member Comments/Announcements - none

Next Meeting

- March 2, 2020, 3:30-4:30pm at City Hall

Adjournment – 4:58 pm