

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

Monday, April 22, 2019, 1:00pm

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.

AGENDA

Call to Order – 1:02pm

Members Present - Kathy Antaya, Sarah Kelly, Susan Anderson, Andy Helmboldt, Kurt Tribbett, Liz Paul, Kristin Blood, and Commissioner Susan Baldwin. Staff Members – Eric Feldt and Jacob Schacht.

Members Absent - Mike Myszka and Kate Flores

Approval of Minutes – March 2019 – Susan Baldwin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kristin Blood. All yes, none opposed. Motion approved.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda- None

Reports

- City energy efficiency activities – Kurt Tribbett reported on 20% energy cost savings at WWTP, hoping to have additional data by the end of summer. Mr. Tribbett also reported about composting, bio-solids and other DPW projects.
- Environmental Programs update – Liz Paul informed the Committee of the Children's Water Festival, on May 10th at KCC, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Ms. Paul also provided updates on the MS4 application, the Wellhead application, Michigan Green Communities report and changes to Waste Management's pick up of recyclables. Sarah Kelly provided information on the Recycle Rama, noting they had fewer vehicles go through the event this year, but collected more recyclables. Ms. Kelly noted several cars brought items that were not allowed at this event. Ms. Kelly stated they would provide more information about alternate drop off locations throughout the county, which may help to reduce lines at future events. Ms. Kelly also informed the committee that they would be submitting a grant for a recycling container to take to events.
- Planning updates – Eric Feldt reported his department will be holding workshops for the non-motorized plan, with discussions on bike and walking paths, the Linear Path, and canoe moorage. Mr. Feldt also encouraged members to participate in Bike Month events in May, including the Ride of Silence on May 15th and Bike to Work Day on May 17th. Mr. Feldt also noted many medical marijuana facility applications are including sustainable aspects into their location plans.
- City Commission updates – Comm. Baldwin noted there was nothing new to report. Andy Helmboldt stated the City Manager would provide updates periodically. Jacob Schacht is researching other municipalities' green purchasing policies. Mr. Helmboldt met with CCDC, who manages the Kellogg Arena, Bailey Park and the mowing contract for city parks, to discuss the Sustainability Plan.

Field Trips, Trainings, Etc. - None

Old Business

- Schedule and Location change for May meeting – Mr. Tribbett invited the committee to participate in a memorial to former committee member, Tiffany Welsh, with a plaque and tree planting at DPW, followed by a walk on the Linear Path, on Monday, May 20th, beginning at noon. NEED A NEW MEETING NOTICE.

Kristin Blood made a motion, supported by Kathy Antaya, to reschedule the Sustainable BC Committee meeting in May to Monday, May 20, 2019, following the memorial ceremony, at the Department of Public Works Multi-Purpose Room. All yes, none opposed. Motion approved.

New Business

- Emergency Planning Conversation with Mike McKenzie, Emergency Services Director
- Director McKenzie discussed the different types of emergency instances, including natural and man-made disasters. Director McKenzie discussed the numerous planning initiatives, such as the Energy Assurance plan, Incident Command Training and the BC Response Consortium, noting many organizations participate and collaborate to ensure emergency responses are coordinated and successful. Director McKenzie stated the city participates in weather training, school safety task forces, active shooter training, fire drill training, FEMA recognized training, along with federal, state and local initiatives. Director McKenzie recommended committee members participate in emergency management training, noting bcesmi.org had training information available.
- Mr. Helmboldt stated the Sustainability Plan should include emergency management planning.

Public Comment

None

Member Comments/Announcements – Members discussed the recent budget shortfall and DEQ training opportunities.

Next Meeting

- May 20, 2019, 1:00-2:30pm at the Department of Public Works, Multi-purpose Room (following the memorial celebration and walk).

Adjournment – 2:25 pm