

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

Monday, June 24, 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.

**MINUTES**

Call to Order – 1:03pm

Attendance – Mike Myszka, Comm. Susan Anderson, Kathy Antaya, Susan Baldwin, Andy Helmboldt, Kristen Blood (via phone), Liz Paul, Comm Behnke was present from 1:10pm to 1:25pm.

Staff- Eric Feldt, Jacob Schacht, Kylie, Todd Gerber

Approval of Minutes – April and May 2019 – Kathy Antaya made a motion to approve both the April and May 2019 minutes, seconded by Mike Myszka. All yes – Approved

Additions or Deletions to Agenda – Adding Kathy Antaya with New Business

Reports -

- Public Works – Todd Gerber spoke about Battle Creek being a “Tree City USA”. Mr. Gerber noted Battle Creek has been a “Tree City” for approximately 20 years. Members asked questions.
- Environmental Programs update – Liz Paul updated the committee about the MS4 permit regarding Storm water. Ms. Paul noted the application was submitted in 2015. Ms. Paul also reminded the committee about some upcoming events.
- Planning updates – Eric Feldt updated the committee on the Non-Motorized Transportation plan.
- City Commission updates – Comm. Baldwin noted that Battle Creek was designated as an “All-American City”. Comm. Baldwin also noted that the budget was passed as well.

Sustainability Plan -

- Susan Anderson addresses the Sustainability Plan. Members discussed winter issues and spending. Susan Anderson made a motion to create sub-committees for the sub-headings of the Sustainability Plan, seconded by Kathy Antaya. Mr. Helmboldt noted there is no quorum. Mr. Helmboldt stated it will be brought up at the July meeting. Motion tabled.

Field Trips, Trainings, Etc.

- None

Old Business -

- Walk for Tiffany after meeting? Members walked after the meeting.

New Business -

- Kathy Antaya – spoke about adding more employees to the membership. Ms. Antaya also noted Commissioners that are on the Committee and do not attend. Members discussed the membership numbers and what it takes to make a quorum. The Committee requirements were noted. Mr. Helmboldt mentioned adding Eric Feldt however, Comm. Susan Baldwin pointed out the rules state only 2 staff members. Members discussed reaching out for members and looking for tree committee members.
- Kristen Blood left the meeting at 2:02pm.

Public Comment – None

Member Comments/Announcements –

Liz Paul mentioned she submitted the Michigan Green checklist and we may get “gold” status. Members discussed.

Members discussed the new awards the City has received. They discussed how to display them or how to let the public know.

Mike Myszka noted a city in India ran out of water.

Next Meeting

- July 22, 2019, 1:00-2:30pm at City Hall

Adjournment – 2:38 pm