



**Sustainability Committee Minutes
Thursday, April 11, 2019
7:30 A.M.
City Hall Conference Room B**

Members Present: Julianna Johnston Senturia, Committee Chair, Council Member
Carmen Franks, Citizen Member
Sean Malone, Council Member
Julianne Potter, Citizen Member
Norman Robbins, Citizen Member
Anne Williams, Council Member

Others Present: David Weiss, Mayor
Jeri Chaikin, Chief Administrative Officer
Michael Peters, Sustainability Coordinator
Barbara Bradley, League of Women Voters Observer

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Julianna Johnston Senturia at 7:31 A.M.

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Approval of the March 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sean Malone and seconded by Anne Williams; it was passed by voice vote.

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LEED for Cities Grant

The city received notification on April 5, 2019, that it was awarded a grant to pursue certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's "LEED for Cities" certification framework. Several local stakeholders wrote letters in support of the application and will be thanked. The city was one of 15 cities to be awarded the grant and the next step will be an in-person work session in Washington D.C that the Sustainability Coordinator and one Council member will attend (the cost to be reimbursed as part of the grant award). The city will target the basic level of certification to begin and then work with the committee to set aspirational goals over time for potentially higher levels of certification. This work may result in a subcommittee, which could include an inter-school group of students from the four local high schools, and will be a good way to engage a broader audience to get involved in the work.

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Subcommittees: Structure and Focus

Areas of potential focus for one or more subcommittees were discussed, with the starting point the work of the predecessor Sustainable Shaker Task Force. A sustainability event at The Dealership also resulted in several suggestions for future work. Both of these were predominantly resident focused, due in part to the limited resources of the task force, and the committee can have a broader mandate that includes aspects of the city’s operations, efficiency, and sustainability.

Other considerations include whether there are additional frameworks that might inform the work of the committee (or should be considered as complementary to its work) and education and outreach components. Subcommittees could also provide a space for residents to engage in topics of interest and passion and provide community engagement opportunities beyond the discussion of the financial aspects to the city of the committee’s work. The creation of specific subcommittees was deferred pending additional committee input and discussion.

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Report of the Sustainability Coordinator

The Sustainability Coordinator reported on highlights from the previous month’s work including initial data collection regarding the city’s utility costs, past energy efficiency measures, and the city’s vehicle fleet. The creation of a city green team is underway, discussions to learn about the County’s solar program for city buildings took place, and the citizen members were onboarded.

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Discussion Priorities of the Committee

Using Lakewood’s Resiliency Task Force and online strategic plan as an example, the ultimate goals and product of the committee were discussed conceptually as being spread among short, medium, and long term goals. The Forward Together joint facilities visioning process was also noted to be an aspect of current work that could benefit from a sustainability overlay, with all of the work resulting in a shared community statement of values.

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Miscellaneous Business

Three topics were briefly covered, predominantly for the information of the committee: Cuyahoga County’s solar procurement plan and how it may be applied to the schools, NOPEC’s 100% green energy plan and how it would be communicated to residents, and a request for Council to support the Citizens Climate Lobby initiative. No specific action was taken on these points.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 A.M. The next meeting will be May 9, 2019.

Michael Peters, Sustainability Coordinator
Sustainability Committee