



**Sustainability Committee Minutes  
Thursday June 13, 2019  
7:30 A.M.  
City Hall Conference Room B**

Members Present: Julianna Johnston Senturia, Committee Chair, Council Member  
Sean P. 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  
One resident, one student

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

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**Approval of the May 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Anne Williams and seconded by Julianne Potter that the minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting be approved as recorded.

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**LEED for Cities Washington Workshop**

Sustainability Coordinator Michael Peters and Councilmember Anne Williams attended a two-day workshop in Washington D.C. with the other 14 cities that received the LEED for Cities grant. The workshop allowed participants to work with senior-level U.S. Green Building Council staffers on items and issues required to complete the certification process. Various resources were introduced to assist the applicants, including advocacy and marketing resources. The staffers were very attentive to the needs of smaller communities like Shaker Heights.

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**CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS**

## **Sustainability Committee Priorities**

Priorities being viewed based on readily available opportunities, costs, resources available, and timing. Internal initiatives defined by Sustainability Roadmap that focuses on city operations (and inspired by LEED for Cities best practices). Resident-facing initiatives defined in Sustainability Committee objectives and priorities. Combined these are a comprehensive approach to the work of the committee.

The Climate Change/Sustainable Shaker Task Force defined the priorities that can be carried over to this committee as a starting point. Short-term goals, those that the city has operational control over, are logical as a starting point. Energy efficiency and energy conservation are primary areas of interest, and these may include additional investigation of programs such as demand response and LED lighting retrofits.

Student volunteers, especially related to the LEED for Cities initiative, will help with formulating policies and procedures for achieving higher levels of certification.

Interest in alternative fuel vehicles was discussed and various investigations are being pursued to determine the applicability for electric vehicles in the city fleet and diesel repower grants through the Ohio EPA. Hydrogen is complicated by the lack of local fueling stations.

A survey was conducted among city staff regarding interest in a Green Team and a summary of the findings will be distributed after it closes.

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## **Sustainability Committee Alignment with Broader Goals**

Climate and environmental focus of Task Force priorities should be supplemented with social and economic factors too. One long-term goal, perhaps on a 10- or 20-year timeframe, would be to align with global frameworks like the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). While the SDGs are designed as national goals, there can be ways to set metrics for a city to align with them (without requiring any written commitment). Goals 6, 7, 11, and 12 are particularly applicable.

The importance of external metrics is to explain to stakeholders our progress and attract and retain residents and businesses. Affordability (housing) and access (parks) are examples of aligning with the SDGs. Disaster preparedness is another topic of interest. The LEED for Cities framework also aligns with the SDGs and will help to guide the city in these areas.

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## **Sustainability Committee Objectives/Metrics**

LEED for Cities certification helps to address broader objectives, such as environmental justice.

The metrics and milestones were broadly discussed and amended. Future topic is transparency and reporting. Committee aspires to report annually on progress.

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## **Creation of Subcommittees**

Subcommittees were formed to address the topics of:

- Stormwater Management (Carmen Franks),
- Renewable Energy (Norman Robbins),
- High School Advisory Group (Julianne Potter),
- LEED for Cities (Anne Williams), and
- Recycling (TBD).

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 A.M. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 7:30 A.M.

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Michael Peters  
Sustainability Coordinator