



# **Sustainability Oversight Committee**

Secretary – Mike Guyon

## **Sustainability Oversight Committee January 4, 2017**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Ron Wexler, Paul Tankel, Erinn Ryen, Steve Kittelberger, Shubhangi Gandhi, Margy Peet, Chris Werner, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia, Mitch Nellies (Public)

**Minutes:** The October, November and December meeting minutes are awaiting review.

### **Open Forum:**

- The next Color Brighton Green Speaker Series event will be on January 25, 2017, 6:30 PM at the Brighton Memorial Library. There will be a discussions and presentation on Climate Action happening at the local, state and federal levels. Additionally, the Rochester's People Climate will be presenting information on Community Choice Aggregation, the New York State Climate and Community Protection Act, and the Citizen's Climate Lobby proposal for carbon fee and dividend.

### **Announcements:**

### **Old Business**

- Comprehensive Plan Vision and Policy Framework
  - The SOC discussed their comments and review of the comprehensive plan vision and policy framework draft. The following is a summary of the comments made during the review of the document by section:
    - Environmental Policy
      - SOC indicated that they would like to see a standalone bullet item for preservation and expansion of trees in the Town, possibly incorporating some of the Tree City USA language.
      - SOC would like the vision & policy framework draft that is submitted by the comp plan committee to include hyperlinks or appendices to external documents such as Climate Smart Communities
    - Economic Vitality Policy
      - Add color code to portion of Item Number 1 that was amended.

- In Item Number 1, change “of” to “including” quality office, commercial and light industrial... etc etc. Additionally, add “residential” to aforementioned list.
  - Objective 3a: change “safely and efficiently” to just “safely.”
  - Objective 2: Change the initial “foster” to “promote.”
- Sense of Community Policy
  - Objective 2: remove “including but not limited to architectural, streetscape and landscape features.”
  - Objective 3: Remove the quotations on “Town Center.”
- Public Health & Safety Policy
  - Objective 6: change “efficiency” to “effectiveness.”
- Mike will compile and update the SOC comments prior to submitting the comprehensive plan update committee.
- SOC Meeting Schedule
  - Starting in May, Erinn’s schedule will not be able to accommodate SOC meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. After some discussion, the SOC agreed to move meetings to evening’s on the first Monday of each month.
- Climate Action Plan
  - Ron indicated that he would like to review the process on how to move the Climate Action Plan forward. The City of Rochester’s Climate Action Plan appears to have been prepared with the assistance of a consultant, the Town may wish to do the same. Town Staff and SOC may start some work in preparation of a consultant and funding.
  - Town staff has uploaded copies of various Climate Action Plans from neighboring communities to the Town’s Google Drive account. Additionally, Mike has created a draft outline for the Town’s Climate Action Plan. The SOC will review the draft outline and provide comments as necessary.
- Climate Smart Communities
  - CSC Element Priority Discussion
    - Town staff will add a column for potential CSC Points of priority items selected under each Pledge Element.
    - Required items should be highlighted or compiled in a separate form in order to be easily identifiable.

- In an effort to further prioritize CSC action items, Town staff will create a survey for SOC members to select the most important item under each Pledge Elements. Town staff will distribute said survey at least one week prior to the next meeting.
- Development Update
  - Updates for various projects throughout Town were briefly discussed.

**New Business**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be February 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM.