



Sustainability Oversight **Committee**

Secretary – Mike Guyon

Sustainability Oversight Committee **March 6, 2017**

Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Ron Wexler, Paul Tankel, Erinn Ryen, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia, Mitch Nellies (Public), Leyla Mouli

Minutes: The February 2017 minutes were not reviewed. The minutes will be reviewed at the March 2017 meeting.

Open Forum:

Announcements:

Old Business

- Climate Action Plan
 - Leyla Mouli was introduced to the SOC members in attendance. Leyla is an Environmental Science student at the U of R and will be assisting the SOC with writing the CAP as part of her duties as the newest SOC intern.
 - Ron would like to meet with Bill in the near future to discuss the logistics of writing the Town's Climate Action Plan. Ron wants to explore the possibility of hiring a consultant to assist with writing parts of the Climate Action Plan.
 - Margy completed her review of the City of Rochester and Binghamton's Climate Action Plans and provided the SOC with a summary of the plans. In the review, Margy broke down the CAPs into components and provided a comparison of the approach taken by the respective municipality.
 - Erinn suggested that it would be a good idea to combine Margy's comparison of the CAP's with Cassidy's initial comparison spreadsheet.
 - Town Staff will forward Margy's and Cassidy's comparison to Leyla for her use in writing the Town's CAP.
- Comprehensive Plan Vision, Policy Framework and Recommendations
 - The SOC reviewed the updated plan vision and policy framework. The updated policy framework document is organized with recommendations provided under each policy statement.

- The SOC indicated that they would like to see Climate Smart Communities and Climate Action Plan language used throughout the framework, especially in recommendation number 1 under the Environmental Policy Statement section.
- Paul generated review comments to the updated Policy framework and will send them to the rest of the SOC via email.
- The Comprehensive Plan committee indicated that they would like to receive review comments to the updated Policy Framework document by 3/15/2017. Town Staff indicated that SOC comments should be provided by 3/13/2017 in order to compile them and have them submitted by 3/15/2017. Mike will send out an email to all SOC members indicating the aforementioned request for comments.
- The Comprehensive Plan consultant is currently working on the Land Use and Sustainability reports.
- Solar Ordinance and Tree City USA
 - Members of the SOC indicated that they would like to see the word “balance” included in any future updates to the Solar Ordinance.
 - This matter will be discussed further when the remaining members of the SOC are in attendance.
- Development Updates
 - Updates for various projects throughout Town were briefly discussed.
- Clean Energy Community Program
 - Town staff continues to submit documentation for completing High Impact Action items as the Town pursues the Clean Energy community status.
 - The Town’s revised submittal for the Solarize High Impact Items credit was denied. As part of the Solarize High Impact Item, the municipality has to demonstrate that at least ten (10) solar installations resulted from the solarize campaign within Brighton’s jurisdiction. The Town can currently demonstrate that seven (7) installations were a direct result from the Solarize campaign. There are more than ten solar panel installations within Brighton, however, they may all not have been a direct result of the solarize campaign. The Town will continue to pursue this matter.

New Business

- Temporary Monroe Avenue Road Diet
 - Paul discussed an idea of promoting a temporary road diet to Monroe Avenue in conjunction with curb your car week. This event would be a way to animate bicycle and pedestrian access to Monroe Avenue for one weekend.

- The SOC briefly discussed the logistics behind an event such as this. The business owners would have to be engaged and included. The SOC wondered whether the NYS DOT entertain this idea and how best to promote such an event.
- Mike indicated that he will reach out to Dave Gehring at the NYS DOT and start the conversation regarding this matter.
- The SOC also briefly discussed the viability of a long term road diet to Monroe Avenue. They wondered whether this matter would be a good case study for graduate students at RIT or U of R. The SOC also inquired whether research is currently available in Europe on road diets for roads similar to Monroe Avenue.

Adjournment

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM.