



Sustainability Oversight Committee

Secretary – Mike Guyon

Sustainability Oversight Committee October 3, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Ron Wexler, Erinn Ryen, Paul Tankel, Mitch Nellis, Robin Wilt, Mike Guyon, Evert Garcia

Minutes: The September 2018 meeting minutes were approved with no revisions.

Announcements: Erinn has been officially designated as the new Chair of the Sustainability Oversight Committee by the Town Board. Erinn has named Shubhangi as the Vice Chair of the committee.

Old Business

- Annual Report/Benchmarking Report
 - Both the SOC Annual Report and the inaugural Benchmarking reports were received and filed by the Town Board on 9/26/2018.
- Annual Budget Update
 - Mike indicated that the Town Board thanked the SOC for their comments on the proposed 2019 budget.
 - Robin asked if any members of the SOC would be able to attend the 2019 Budget Public Hearing on behalf of the SOC. Erinn and Mitch indicated that they would attend the Public Hearing on 10/24 and provide a brief presentation on budget items related to the advancement of sustainable solutions for the Town.
- Comprehensive Plan Update
 - The Envision Brighton comprehensive plan was adopted on 9/26/2018. The next steps will involve the implementation of the plan.
- Climate Action Plan
 - Town staff presented a proposed schedule for completing the Climate Action Plan (CAP). If all goes as scheduled, town staff is anticipating that the CAP can be presented to the Town Board for adoption by October 2019.
 - Town staff anticipates presenting the CAP to the Public Works Committee in November.

Town staff will send out a request for SOC members to attend the November Public Works committee meeting.

- 2019 Goals
 - The SOC reviewed various sustainability-related ideas which have been compiled as part of the 2019 SOC goals list.
 - The SOC indicated that the committee will have a better idea on what to focus on in 2019 as the Climate Action Plan nears completion.
- Meeting Frequency Update
 - The committee revisited the possibility of reducing the frequency of meetings going forward. Most of the members in attendance appeared to be amenable to this suggestion, however, the committee also indicated that the meeting reduction likely could not occur until after the CAP is completed.
- Development Update
 - The latest development projects within the Town were briefly discussed.

New Business

- PACE Program
 - The SOC briefly discussed the PACE car program. The Pace Car Program asks drivers to be part of the solution to make streets safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers and all who are out and about engaging in daily life. Drivers sign a pledge to drive within the speed limit, drive courteously, yield to pedestrians and be mindful of bicyclists and others on the street. Those taking the pledge display the yellow Pace Car sticker on their vehicles. It's a citizens-in-action movement, with citizens leading by example, helping to calm traffic and raise awareness of the need for livable streets. For more information, visit the PACE car program webpage here:
<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589970213>
- NYS P2I Community Grant Program
 - The SOC briefly discussed the NYSP2I program. The NYSP2I provides an important source of funding for community-focused pollution prevention initiatives. Each fall, proposals are solicited from community organizations, municipal departments and other public sector and not-for-profit entities for projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level. Communities all across New York State benefit from this program. To date, NYSP2I has awarded over \$1M to support 78 projects across NYS. For more information, visit the NYS P2I program here:
<http://www.rit.edu/affiliate/nysp2i/community-programs/community-grants>
- Pedestrian Scramble
 - The committee briefly discussed options for improving the safety of drivers and pedestrians crossing 12 corners. The idea of a pedestrian scramble crossing was suggested. Town staff will do some research into this matter and discuss this possibility with the appropriate transportation agency.

Adjournment

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be November 6, 2018, at 7:00 PM.