



Sustainability Oversight Committee

Secretary – Evert Garcia

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Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Erinn Ryen, Evert Garcia, Brendan Ryan, Robin Wilt, Shubhangi Gandhi, William Bayer, Nate Gibbs, Karen Berger, Justin Dollard, Jayme Breschard, Grace DeSantis, Tom Robinson

Open Forum:

- Jim Berger encouraged the Town to streamline/consolidate refuse districts, train Town employees to idle vehicles less, put solar panels on the roofs of buildings such as schools and Town Hall

Minutes:

- Review and approval of the April meeting minutes was deferred until the next meeting as a quorum was not established.

Announcements:

Guest Speaker:

- Karen Berger and Justin Dollard from University of Rochester presented about the U of R Sustainability Plan
 - Goals include carbon neutral without carbon credits by 2050, AASHE Gold rating and central sustainability office
 - Plans to come from all sides including transportation, sustainable buildings, waste management and water quality/usage, and educational programming
 - Discussed further into the issues of public transit integration, bicycle transportation along the canal, and waste reduction

Old Business

- **Updates- CAP Event**
 - B&L provided an overview of the plan for the spring public event on June 19th
 - Climate app will launch at the Spring Public event
 - Focus is on engagement with youth and other organizations present at the eco fair
 - Climate focused walkabouts will happen from 10:30-11:30 and be split into four different groups with different focuses
 - B&L presented the climate app and gave a demonstration
 - Event to be shared on social media

- **Updates- CH&C Mini Campaign**
 - Letter of support submitted to Town Board, scoping document being prepared
- **Updates- SOC Annual Report**
 - Annual Report for 2020 & 2021 sent out for review by SOC
- **Updates- Capital Improvement Plan**
 - CIP requests are being prepared, open for ideas on what to add to the list
 - Discussed the potential project to retrofit RG&E-owned cobra head streetlights to LED
- **Updates- Unified Solar Permit**
 - Unified Solar Permit is not likely to happen as the Public Works Committee has reviewed it and determined it was not a good fit, but a sub-committee of SOC members may continue to discuss

Adjournment

Adjourned 8:35PM

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for **June 28, 2022**, at 7:00 PM via Zoom due to COVID and for the community's health and safety.