



Sustainability Oversight Committee

Secretary – Evert Garcia

Sustainability Oversight Committee November 22, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Evert Garcia, Brendan Ryan, Robin Wilt, Erinn Ryen, William Bayer, Nate Gibbs, Mitch Nellis, William Brower, Miriam Moore

Open Forum:

Guest Speaker:

- Miriam Moore presented the IDEA plan to the SOC.
- The IDEA plan is a six part/category plan that was adopted by the Town Board this fall.
- To hold true to the plan, the Town needs to look at every sector of its operations from a DEI lens.
- Miriam and the IDEA board will plan to take a first look at the CAP before sharing it with the other boards and committee.

Minutes:

- October meeting minutes were approved with no revisions

Announcements:

Communications:

Old Business

- **Climate Action Plan Update**
 - East Brighton Town Hall event occurred on 11/2
 - One of the main public comments was that the Town should be sure to consider the effect of trees on greenhouse gases in the CAP.
 - Discussion about the draft GHG report
 - Carbon sequestration should be included in the GHG report, final numbers are currently being evaluated.
 - General thoughts are that the GHG report is too drafty and possibly too technical, overall, unclear and needs edits and improvements before it is presented to the public.
 - Several charts are unclear and do not depict the information they are trying to convey properly such as pie graphs that do not represent parts of a whole.

- Pollinator Garden
 - Brendan and Evert met with the Seneca Park Zoo Society about possibilities for retrofitting the GIGP with pollinator habitat. Town staff is awaiting updates from the Seneca Park Zoo.
 - Shubhangi presented her thoughts:
 - Certain plants in the GIGP are doing well- daylilies, ajuga, and blue flags.
 - Shubhangi would like to bring phased color blocks in with large plantings of specific colors.
 - Town staff will share the schematics put together by Shubhangi with reps from the Seneca Park Zoo society.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for **January 24, 2023**, at 7:00 PM in person at the Town Hall (Stage Conference Room)