



INDIANOLA SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Indianola Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2024

1. Call to Order – 6:02 pm
2. Secretary Report – Aimee motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Bill seconded. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment – Brian Schultes, Director of Facility Mgmt, from Simpson attended and hopes to work with the committee.
4. New Business
 - a. Comprehensive Plan and Sustainability with Charlie Dissell – Charlie joined us to discuss the sustainability pieces of the Comprehensive Plan and the status of some of them.
 - i. Fiscal year is 7/1. New projects could be looked at then. May take 20 years to fully implement plan. The city is open to help from the Sustainability Committee.
 - ii. Discussed park plans. Find donors to help buy Kading property.
 - iii. How can we collaborate? Look at areas we care about and bring to the council. Steve suggested a top 10 list.
 - iv. Discussed potential new city building. Meet with architect. The city does have a fund to upgrade older homes. Could it include energy efficiency upgrades? Kari Carney mentioned Community Action Grants. Use funding from that to create a project that would give money for energy efficiency upgrades.
 - v. IMU – has rebates on their website. They are primary for residential rebates.
 - vi. Should we revisit survey with help from Simpson students doing face to face interviews?
 - vii. Pedestrian walk or trail audit/GHG Survey/Booth at county fair

5. Old Business

- a. Award or recognition of businesses, etc adding sustainability related projects – Cannot work with the Chamber.
- b. Carbon Credit Program – Anita will follow up with Angie to see if the Tree Committee might take this on. Funding received be given to tree committee?
- c. Earth Month Activity at the IWC – activity delayed to fall to celebrate anniversary of IWC.
- d. Meetings with city council members- Met with Mellisa and Steve

6. Adjourn

Next meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2024, 6 pm

Attendees – Aimee Luhrs, Anita Christensen, Bill Howard, Kathie Farris, Jon Vernon, Rita Bresnan, Steve Gray

Submitted by Anita Christensen