

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday June 12, 2023 9:30 a.m.

City Hall Conference Room - 115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

The Sustainability Committee met on Monday June 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. In the City Hall council room.

Present: Vic Zaderej, Tim Benedict, Steve Rypkema, Russell Brunner, Darin DeHaan Absent: Mel Cozzi

Darin called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

**Public Comment:** None

Motion to Approve the April 21st 2023 Minutes: Tim Seconded by Vic motion carried.

Darin discussed a few of the projects that we have started but not completed. Discussion about how to get the sustainability plan done. Darin suggested three options.

- 1) Try to tackle it as a group again.
- 2) Reach out to Region 1 Planning and or Blackhawk Hills Regional Council.
- 3) Work out something with NIU using undergraduate or graduate students. Vic mentioned that he wanted to speak with Dr. Skuzinski who had an interest in the Off the Grid Greenhouse for students. Darin suggested a possible quid pro quo between us.

Steve made a motion to have Darin research costs from Region 1 and BHRC for help with the plan for our next meeting. Vic Seconded. Motion Passed.

The committee discussed holding meetings at 9:00 a.m. going forward all agreed to the new time.

Darin discussed ECO Oregon and the need to launch the program. Tim suggested that he and Mel work out the details before our next meeting. Darin will provide a copy of Galena's program for review.

Other Business:

Steve discussed the GrateWorks program to adopt a stormwater grate. We discussed some options to advertise the program. Darin will see if the sign can be placed in a municipal parking lot. Steve and Darin will work on a news release to push out. It would be good if we can get an idea if anyone has adopted a storm grate.

Tim asked about recycling in the area. Russell stated that he has been working with Paul at Solid Waste Dept and the plan is to bring recycling receptacles back to Oregon and Byron. We discussed Oregon's recycling program with the Republic.

Vic left the meeting for a phone call at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourn: 10:35 A.M. Motion by Tim Seconded by Steve Motion Carried.

  
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(Committee Member)

Attest:   
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Darin DeHaan, City Manager