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SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to order
Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were White, Grabe, Saltes, Gottwald, Butusov and Halverson. Beheler was absent. Also present: Administrator Owen.
- 2) Consent Agenda
Motion by Gottwald to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Saltes. Motion Carried.
 - a. Adopt a municipality reports
 - b. Consideration of May 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- 3) Agenda Items
 - a. Continued discussion on creation of Green Team
Butusov has finished the edits to the survey and will send it to Administrator Owen to distribute. The committee will distribute at the Farmer's Market and polling places at the upcoming primary election and the link to the survey will also be shared through the Village and Chamber of Commerce social media and email. Gottwald provided a summary of her conversation with the City of Stoughton on their Sustainability Committee and "Green Team". In Stoughton the committee focuses on policy related issues with the Village and the "Green Team" plans events and educational presentations. The key is to keep the boards of the two as separate as possible to avoid the open meeting requirements.
 - b. Continued discussion on Sustainability Plan
Administrator Owen reported that members of Slip Stream are planning to attend the July SNR meeting to discuss the roll out of the planning grant. Administrator Owen will draft a press release for the paper.
 - c. Discussion on anti idling campaign
White met with Aubree Hanks of the School District to discuss implementation of the idling reduction campaign. White shared idling campaign information from the EPA that provides a good format for our campaign. Funds will be requested from the School District and Village

for signage, posters and literature. A key to a successful campaign is getting the students involved. The Committee discussed an ordinance to regulate idling areas, but they felt the best approach is education and encouraging voluntary compliance. Grabe will research grants for air quality monitoring equipment to help demonstrate the effects of idling reduction. The committee felt the Village Board and School Board should consider a joint resolution supporting the campaign as well.

d. Discuion on climate change champion nominations

White reported that he spoke with Kathy Kunz of the Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change and came up with the following nominees: E&S Electric (net-zero solar advocate), Landsby Ridge Apartments (rooftop solar, workforce housing), Gunderson Funeral Home (net-zero), Mount Horeb Area School District (Electric Bus and middle school Planting - Sustainable land use practices), the Wastewater Treatment Facility (water saving practices), and Rachel Belinda (sustainable business). Grabe suggested reaching out to a farm that uses solar panels to recognize that sector of our community. The committee felt the nomination for the school could wait until next year for the bus and until the planting is enhanced. The Committee will not be nominating, but reaching out to the potential nominees to encourage them to apply.

e. Review of Village Ethics Code

Administrator Owen reported that President Czyzewski requested all committees review the ethics code annually so they are aware of expectations.

f. Sol Smart Update

White reported on the receipt of the Bronze status, and he has submitted a release that was published in the paper. To achieve Silver status, we will need to update our zoning code to include solar; the process to update our zoning code is underway and won't be completed until next year.

g. School Bus Charging station discussion

White reported that the School District was awarded a grant for an electric bus. White added it would be great if they could add a renewable energy source for charging the bus.

h. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include: Green Team discussion, idling reduction campaign, air quality monitoring equipment grants and in August, a presentation on Oregon's composting program. Saltes discussed a future presentation from Wastewater Superintendent Mike Brace on energy usage at the wastewater treatment facility.

4) Meeting adjournment.

Motion by Halverson to adjourn, seconded by Gottwald. Motion carried. 8:00 p.m.

