

## Environmental Sustainability Committee

February 24, 2022

Minutes

7:00pm

City Hall

### 1. Attendance:

Member	
Daniel Brooks	Absent
Mari Masalin-Cooper (Secretary)	X
Sarah Jo Sautter	X
Kate Zenlea	Absent (Excused)
Ben Falik (Chair)	X
Sean Kristl	X
Betsy Zobi-Tar	X
David (Michael) Egan	X
Vacancy (student representative)	
Michelle Elder (City Commissioner)	X
Lauren Fletcher (City Rep)	X
Chris Wilson (City Manager)	X
<b>Public Participants:</b>	
Hal Stack 13108 Talbot Avenue	X
	X

### 2. Call to Order: 7:03

### 3. Approval of Agenda: Approved - unanimously

### 4. Approval of December Minutes: Approved - unanimously

### 5. New ESC Members:

Introduction of members: Welcome to the new members

a. **Betsy Zobi-Tar:**

b. **Sean Kristi**

### 6. Election of officials

**Chair - nomination/carried Ben Falik**

**Secretary nomination/carried Mari Masalin-Cooper**

### 7. ESC media campaign -

a. ESC themed communication ideas

b. Develop communication Calendar around proposed themes

i. Lauren to provide information about HW newsletter and deadlines. Three HW (3) publications. There is a finite amount of space and would need to use the DPW space.

ii. Contact Amy Hood about space for ESC content. June 3rd is the deadline Sarah Jo we need to decide what media to use and the deadlines.

iii. Eblast, Lauren will take any information and she will send it to Jane, HW Communication staff. Eblast - every week Friday. Lauren will acquire email metric

- iv. Chris Wilson will try to get the SOCCRA stats in and excel format instead of the current PDF
- v. Composting options: information blurb
  - 1. Lauren - when does compost/yard waste begin in 2022  
Chris Wilson believes it may be the 1st week in April. But if SOCCRA moves it up they will put it in a SOCCRA email. Jane via Lauren can help ESC get their updates/blurb.  
Sean K. will audit the website HW on the environmental info
- c. Discussion of Goals: Tabled for next meeting
  - i. Mission Statement
  - ii. Monthly ESC Topic and ESC Communication Schedule

**8. Solar ordinance discussion:** Discussion tabled until City Commission has done its fact finding. Sean McKeen said the City Commission has not received the research information requested, like: # of homes facing south, battery location, types of solar panels etc. Sean believes that Hank Berry has completed his research. Ben requested that the research be given to him for review. Ordinance does not require language concerning code. Once adopted the city would create the code and the inspection requirements.

**9. Public Participation:**

Hal Stack, suggested speaking with the City Commission as a body about what they want the ESC charge should be. Feedback to the Master Plan committee by 3/3/2022 per Chris Wilson.

Chris Wilson. Look at other city sustainability plans and look at consulting companies. Mari C. Will bring in the 2018 Energy Plan, the EAC review and was approved by the Huntington Woods City Commission.

Hall Stack, DTE lighting update. Chris Wilson, city has a draft agreement from DTE, but is still pending additional discussion on potential light pollution.

Chris Wilson. There is some risk about DTE support of current lighting source. DTE would place put in their lights, but with non-DTE lighting stock may impact light replacement.

Hal Stack - there are several cities consolidated to work with DTE to get the lighting that is more conducive to residential Duke Energy is looking at a new technology in terms of lighting. Also, Highland Park created its own solar energy supplied street light for a small portion of the city.

Hal St. Look at the energy plan from 2019. Would like to see the report placed on the city website.

**10. Committee member remarks:**

Mari C. City to speak with Kate Z. about her concerns about Covid and in-person meeting requirements. Ben - will ask Kate Z. if she would like to participate via Zoom and is she cool

Michael - Mask mandate after 2/28/2022? Chris Wilson. Not sure but would

**11 Adjourned: 8:40pm**