

Environmental Advisory Committee
January 17, 2019 at 7 pm
Huntington Woods Library
Minutes
Call to Order:

1. Attendance:

Member	
Julie Petrik	x
Daniel Brooks	x
Mari Masalin-Cooper (Secretary)	x
Sarah Jo Sautter	x
Bridget McKinley	Excused
Saulius Mikalonis	Excused
Aaron Retish (acting Chair)	X
Ben Falik (Chair)	Excused
David Egan	x
Evan Krasnick	Unexcused
Ivy Moore	Unexcused
Jules Olsman (Commission Liaison)	Excused
Amy Hood (DPW)	x
Amy Sullivan (City Manager)	x
Public Participants:	

2. Approval of November 2018 Minutes: Approved

3. EcoWorks Energy Plan –

- a. Reviewed plan, made changes as suggested by submitted comments
- b. Aaron suggested looking into Ferndale’s Sustainability Manager, paid by grant perhaps? Amy S. will check into how she is paid and if a grant, which one?
- c. Next steps:
 - i. See if we can afford the energy audit which is first step to identifying projects to reduce energy use
 - ii. EAC should do a vision statement for the city, as recommended in the Energy Plan

4. Recycling Report:

- a. Recycling challenge with Pleasant Ridge – Update from Claire G. (Tabled)
- b. Recycling mailer update – Amy H. Completed and ready to mail out the week of Jan 21st.
 - i. Amy H. believes the best to educate residents about recycling is talking to people. The SOCRRA waste wizard is the final authority and on what can be recycled.
 - ii. Reviewed SOCRRA tonnage report analysis - Amy H. went through the report noting an overall reduction in Solid Waste by 10% from last year and Recyclables reduced by 8%. Attribute reduction in recyclable to the new single stream process and the reduction of items that will be accepted. Report attached with Minutes
- c. Recycling discussion
 - i. Julie P. – Food compost collection discussion from November about how to encourage more composting. Amy S. suggested to pick a month to offer ½ off food waste bins in April. Asked someone to mock up a sale. Not part of the Tringali contract to pick up the food waste bins. Find residents have resistance to use because of the rotting waste. Daniel B. suggested educating residents to use brown

paper bags in the bottom to soak up liquid. Daniel will write up the resident communication

5. Green Infrastructure:

- a. Climate Mayor's update Amy S. City Commission approved membership. Amy S. has already attended first monthly webinar and got information about providing charging station in the city. Electric city vehicles not practical with our small fleet.
- b. Watertown project - update Amy S. – DPW will be primarily responsible for the construction and Amy S. meeting with Clinton river watershed to review plant material suggested.
- c. The solar ordinance recommended revisions – Aaron R. looking at ordinances from other communities. All solar panels are non-reflective. Amy S. said next steps were to prepare a presentation for Planning Committee to make recommendations to change existing solar panel ordinance. Recommend allowing Street View solar panels since so heavily treed homeowners will want to consider all their options for best placement. Integrated are part of the roof, non-integrated are up from the roof (the majority of home installations) Aaron R. will start draft of what could go before the planning committee.

6. Public Participation - none

7. New Business - none

8. Committee member remarks - none

9. Adjournment – 7:54pm