

Environmental Sustainability Committee
May 20, 2021 at 7 pm
Remote meeting
Minutes

1. Attendance:

Member	
Julie Petrik	x
Daniel Brooks	x
Mari Masalin-Cooper (Secretary)	x
Sarah Jo Sautter	Absent
Bridget McKinley	Absent
Kate Zenlea	Absent
Aaron Retish	x
Ben Falik (Chair)	x
David Egan	x
Vacancy (student representative)	
Bob Paul (Commission Liaison)	
Tara Pieron (DPW)	x
Amy Sullivan (City Manager)	x
Public Participants:	
Roni Nantais	x

2. **Call to order** - 7:02pm
3. **Approval of April 2021 Minutes** - Approved without change
4. **Food compost media campaign**- Tara has sold 5 compost bins since the public notification/education. Goal is to get folks to put their compost with their yard waste. Adding food waste to yard waste is picking up.
5. **Cardboard recycling update**- Tara asked Tringali if cardboard waste recycling is getting better and was told residents are getting better at breaking down boxes than before. Tara- Sold 75 extra recycling bins. Indicating people are becoming aware that they need to breakdown the boxes and place them into the recycling
6. **Solar ordinance discussion:** Monday May 24th, at 7:00pm is the Planning Board meeting when there will be a Public hearing on the proposed solar ordinance. Meeting has four site plans for discussions before the public discussion. Aaron thought if we could get enough people to attend the meeting on Monday - say 25 people- the Planning Board may move up the public discussion of the solar panel ordinance up on the agenda. Amy said she has invited the same solar expert to provide feedback or answer questions during the public discussion. Next steps, the Planning Board could have a vote to move the solar ordinance to the City Commission, if they accept the wording without changes. This could happen in June. If the Planning Board makes changes the ordinance will go back for a public hearing. The Planning Board has been given the Solar panel survey results. Aaron - confirmed the reviewed/vetted (no duplicate respondents) and the results have remained about 75% in favor of the Solar Panel being placed on the front of homes.
7. **Public Participation**- Roni Nantais- No comment at this time.

8. **Committee member remarks**

Aaron- Any word on the bee ordinance. Amy - No, the master plan has been taking precedence over the beekeeping ordinance.

David - Will we be meeting in person anytime soon. Amy - No plans in the works

9. **Next meeting** June 17 , 2021

10. **Adjournment** : 7:22pm