

HOLLAND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2018

Call to Order –

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair Jerry Tonini.

Roll Call –

Members Present: Jerry Tonini, Colleen Nagel, Jeff Raywood, Dan Robertson, Kyle DeBruyn, Holland-Hope College Sustainability Institute Representative Michelle Gibbs, and Staff Liaisons Aaron Thelenwood and Andrew Reynolds

Absent: Carolyn Ulstad, Bob Johnston, Greg Lam, Makayla Putnam, City Council Representative Wayne Klomparens, HBPW Board Representative Diane Haworth, Student Representatives Josh Laux and Jackson Maktheva

Approval of Minutes –

The May meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Robertson, with support by Raywood, to approve the minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

Membership Update –

Tonini shared a letter from Greg Lam in which Lam announces his resignation from the committee. Since Lam was currently serving as vice-chair, an election will be held at the July meeting to elect another member to finish out his current term.

Public Comment –

(None)

Open Discussion –

Gibbs has met with Thelenwood, Mark Vanderploeg, Anne Saliers, and Keith Van Beek to discuss options for her to continue to serve some of the City's sustainability needs after her transition into her new role that will be focused on Hope College.

Solid Waste update–

The City's Community & Neighborhood Services department will be undergoing a waste audit starting next week. The majority of their individual trash receptacles will be removed, and new labeled containers will be introduced that encourage more thoughtful disposal and recycling of items. A city-wide residential waste audit will also be completed over the coming year- due July 2019.

Resolution of Support for the Holland-Hope College Sustainability Institute–

Based on the group discussion and motion from the last committee meeting, Thelenwood drafted a resolution to formally voice SusCom's appreciation of and support for the HHCSI. A motion was made by Nagel to support the resolution as drafted, seconded by Raywood. The motion passed 5-0. The final signed resolution is attached to these minutes.

Website Updates–

Thelenwood is still waiting on a few SusCom subcommittees to send in their desired content for their respective sections of the redesigned City sustainability website.

SusCom Survey–

Thelenwood has confirmed that the City's Survey Monkey account could be available for SusCom's use. We also have approval to use a portion of the City's e-newsletter for sustainability topics. The group agreed that, since we will likely link or direct newsletter readers to the City Sustainability website, it is even more important to get the site in a (working) final form sooner rather than later.

Committee Reports –

- Hope Research Project – The summer intern working on the tree inventory has already documented over 1,000 trees. She will be coming to the July SusCom meeting to present the results of her work.
- Transportation – The group met this month
- LSATL – Planning for next season's events is underway; September- noise ordinances; October – smart energy (HEP); November - recycling
- *All other committee reports were either covered in other meeting discussion or did not have an update this month.

Adjournment –

A motion was made by Robertson, with support from Nagel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be July 16 at 5:00pm.

Recorded by Andrew Reynolds

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