

1/6/22 City Sustainability Minutes (prepared by Kate Ullman)

Members Present: Kate, Amy, Adam, Lissa, Tamara

City Staff Present: Sarah Hudson

Members Absent: Dale, Cheyanne, Axel (excused)

1. Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves and shared ideas about Sustainability initiatives in other cities that have inspired them:

- *Dark Skies initiative in Superior*
- *Banning Natural Gas Hookups for new construction (Decarbonization)*
- *Permaculture farming*
- *Improved recycling practices*
- *Procurement of recycled products*
- *Lawn replacement*
- *Tiny House Community*
- *Electric vehicles in city fleet*

2. Review of Committee Charter Ordinance

Discussed composition and responsibilities/ roles of committee. Members agreed that providing for a range (7-12 members was suggested) provides more flexibility and opportunity to bring in interested members.

Identified opportunities for committee work based on purpose of committee stated in ordinance

1. *Evaluation of existing plans/goals/ordinances*
2. *Recommend new ordinances, policies and practices to city council*
3. *Accountability for prior commitments*
4. *Increased communication to public about accomplishments using website, social media etc.*
5. *Develop an annual report evaluating progress*

3. Priorities and goal setting for 2022

1. *Annual report (end of year) of Committee to Council/Public- Kate will work on drawing up an initial report summarizing Sustainability related work so far.*
2. *Create communication and outreach plan and support city staff in enhancing communication.*
3. *Evaluate stated/written goals and plans related to city sustainability*
4. *Initiate new ideas by using examples from other communities or model ordinances.*

Lissa will provide communication plan template at next meeting for discussion.

4. Future Agenda items

Communication Plan, review of 25x25 plan, and discussion of other specific ideas for new policies or evaluation of existing practices.