

City of Ashland - Sustainability Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 2022

6:00pm - 7:00pm HYBRID MEETING: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Energy Action Plan, 25x25 Plan, Sourcewater Protection Plan linked here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/ashland-sustainability/themes>

Present: **Kate Ullman, Axel Peterman, Adam Zais, Laura Graf, Amy Amman**

Absent: **Lissa Radke, Dale Kupczyk, Zach Jurciwiz**

Agenda

- 1) Approval of Agenda *unanimous consent*
- 2) Approval of minutes from the [November](#) meeting *unanimous consent*
- 3) Citizen Comments

City of Ashland should find grant to subsidize purchase by Ashland residents of electric snowblowers, to replace gasoline-powered snowblowers. (Electric snowblowers are quieter, and can be more climate-friendly.)

4) Projects/Discussions

a) Waste and Recycling

i. Recycling guidelines flier

There are two different versions on Republic Services' website of flier with recycling information. Correct flier will be identified and likely sent out with February water bill.

b) Habitats and Restoration

i. List of inefficient streetlights in Ashland

John Butler already has information of this type.

ii. Other

c) Water

Develop Sourcewater Protection Plan initial recommendations

Axel and Kate will identify initial recommendations, and distribute list to the committee before the January 2023 meeting.

Other

d) Food

i. Community Garden update

Beaser Garden has secured permission from Parks and Recreation Committee to proceed with its expansion in spring 2023.

ii. Winter Market on Vaughn

From noon-4pm on February 2023, City of Ashland will host a winter farmers/craft market on Vaughn Avenue, in front of the public library. There will also be hot food and drinks, a sledding hill, and an area to sign up for CSAs from local producers.

iii. Other

e) Climate Change

i. 25x25 Plan further discussion

Confirmation that police station solar inverter has not been functional since the system was installed. Frustrating and disappointing that this information was never communicated to the Sustainability Committee.

ii. Other

Presentation for the Committee from Adam Zais on basics of solar panel installation

Now is the time for the City to dig more deeply into solar installation (in pursuit of the 25x25 goal), given the increased availability of solar panels (thanks in part to Inflation Reduction Act) relative to when the 25x25 plan was adopted.

Will invite Mark Ables Allison of Bayfield county to a future Sustainability Committee meeting, so that we can learn more about how Bayfield county was able to invest so much in solar.

Increased investment in solar systems is great for creating local jobs installing/maintaining those systems.

Adam going to put together a list of incentives for the City to invest more in new solar arrays in coming years.

f) Annual Report for City Council

Axel and Kate going to put together a bulleted list of Sustainability Committee's accomplishments in 2022.

5) Future agenda items

Solar Incentives Proposal

Sourcewater protection plan recommendations

Annual report

6) Adjournment

Motion by Ullman, second by Peterman, unanimous consent

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