

**CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Third Floor Council Chambers
140 Main Street, Menasha**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2011
6:30 PM**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 by Chairperson Linda Stoll.

B. ROLL CALL

1. **Present:** Chris Bohnes, Roger Kanitz, Ed Kassel, Sadie Schroeder, Linda Stoll, Kathy Thunes (6:50)
2. **Excused:** Becky Bauer, Mike Dillon
3. **Also Present:** Community Development Director Greg Keil, Principal Planner Amy Kester, and Paul Van de Sand (WE Energies).

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Paul Van de Sand of WE Energies distributed the city's One to Five Energy Planning analysis results, information regarding solar powered trash compactors, LEED stormwater quantity control standards, and new greenhouse gas emission reporting requirements for publicly traded companies.

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Paul Van de Sand submitted the following clarification for the December 21, 2010 minutes:

"4. One to Five Energy Planning

CDD Keil reported that WE Energies met with city department heads and conducted a One-2-Five Energy® benchmarking and best practices session. Based on the session outcome. The City of Menasha ranked in the upper 30th percentile for energy practices in comparison to similar communities."

Roger Kanitz made and Chris Bohnes seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2010 Sustainability Board meeting with the change listed above. The motion passed unanimously.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. None.

F. REPORTS

1. Local Food Summit

PP Kester provided a brief summary of the 5th annual Wisconsin Local Food Summit and how it related to the city's activities with the Community

Garden Partnership. ECOS will be holding a discussion panel on local food issues on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at the Menasha Public Library at 6:30 pm.

2. Ordinance Relating to the Keeping of Fowl

CDD Keil explained that this ordinance had been tabled by the Common Council. Ald. Benner explained his concerns regarding the design of chicken coops. Board members discussed ways to address concerns and it was agreed that the ordinance would be modified to include language regarding coop design and maintenance. It was agreed that supporters of the ordinance would move forward with educational opportunities regarding the benefits of urban chickens.

G. DISCUSSION

1. 2011 Sustainability Plan

PP Kester distributed a draft of the 2011 Sustainability Plan and provided a brief overview of the components, including:

- Definition
- Vision
- Key Sustainability Goals
 - Community
 - Development
 - Economy
 - Energy
 - Environment
 - Food Systems
 - Government
 - Transportation
 - Waste
- 2011 Sustainability Work Plan
 - Operations
 - Public Policy
 - Community
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Board members will review the draft in detail and send input and suggestions to the Community Development Department. This item will be brought back for further consideration at the next meeting.

2. Public Transit System Options

Roger Kanitz reported that Valley Transit has introduced its first hybrid bus which gets approximately twice the gas mileage than the gas fueled vehicles. CDD Keil is working to set up a meeting to further discuss the downtown trolley concept for Menasha and Neenah. Kathy Thunes reported that ECWRPC was still working on establishing the Regional Transit Authority and that the urban boundary and densities that will be used to determine funding have not yet been established.

3. Citizen Participation

a. Earth Day/Week/Month Event Planning

Kathy Thunes reported that they have approximately twenty participants interested in the joint Earth Day event advertising

campaign. February 15 is the deadline to submit event information in order to be included in the flyers, posters, etc.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Sustainability Board sponsorship of Mad City Chickens film at the Menasha Public Library

Roger Kanitz made and Kathy Thunes seconded a motion to approve payment of the \$195 licensing fee for the screening of Mad City Chickens film at the Menasha Public Library. The motion passed unanimously.

I. ADJOURNMENT

1. Chris Bohnes made and Sadie Schroeder seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Kester, Principal Planner.