

**Manitowoc Sustainability Committee**  
**1/31/11 meeting minutes**

**Present:** Paul Braun (PB), Tony Fodden (TF), Jenny Heinzen (JH), Joel Sandersen (JS), Sherrie Richards (SR) & Carol Westphal (CW)

**Absent:** Kelly Eskew (KE), Jen Glowaski (JG), Matt Kadow (MK), John Reisenbuechler (JR)

*Meeting was called to order at 3:36 by TF.*

**1. Update on Downtown Recycling Collection**

- PB will contact JG for update

**2. Sustainability Recognition of Local Businesses**

- This will be something we do on an annual basis, beginning next year. TF & PB mentioned dialogue with the Chamber to see if we can partner with them for their next awards banquet.

**3. Earth Day Subcommittee Report**

- TF updated the group. Next subcommittee meeting scheduled for Feb. 2
- JH has joined this subcommittee
- We are looking for ideas for keynote speakers – please bring ideas to subcommittee

**4. Project File**

- JH will follow up with Mayor Nickels to see if we should proceed with “Greening Green Street” ideas document. If yes, JH will draft said document & share with the committee

**5. Winter Newspaper Article**

- TF will submit article

**6. Future Sustainability Summit & Guest Speakers**

- Nothing to report

**7. New Business**

- Committee members voiced the desire to hold some future meetings at local businesses like LTC and the Recycling Center for more education
- Discussion was held about whether the committee should express concern about filling the Director’s position at Parks & Recreation. Members agreed that such a position is necessary to sustain the success of our parks & trails. JS made a motion to draft a letter to express our concerns about sustainability and bring back to the committee for approval. SR seconded. Passed unan.
- Should we have a more regular presence at the Farmers’ Market? Twice per season, if not more, was the consensus of the group – to build up the reputation of the Manitowoc Sustainability Committee and provide education about various sustainability topics. This would be on a volunteer basis, and members would “sign up” for days to participate, depending upon their availability & topic to be covered. Then we could provide more links on the website as “follow-up” or “what’s coming next.”
- The idea was brought up to begin an Education Subcommittee and develop educational goals.  
*Action item:* TF will put this on the agenda for our next meeting, allowing time for discussion when more members are present

**8. Approval of Minutes from 12/14/11**

*Meeting adjourned at 4:31 by FT.*

Minutes prepared by JH, secretary