

Manitowoc Sustainability Committee Minutes 12/12/12

Present: Tony Fodden (TF), Sherri Richards (SR), Erik Hoyer (EH), Jon Reisenbeuchler (JR), Patty Sturtz (PS), Kelly Eskew (KE),

Absent: , Andy Evanson (AE), Dennis Larsen (DL), Paul Braun (PB)

Visitor: Talia Richards

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 by TF.

1. Minutes:

- EH made a motion to approve 10/24 minutes., SR seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

2. Officer Election:

- Nominations for officers will be made at our January meeting, the election held at our March meeting. Individuals can nominate themselves or others for the office of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.
- We are currently at 9 members on the committee and can have up to 11.

3. Mission:

- **Mission:** To serve to develop and sustain an ecologically , economically and socially healthy community for present and future generations through ongoing education and collaboration.
- **Education:** We need to continue the education of committee members by visiting other sites. Action Item: Please come to the next meeting with any ideas on places to visit or people to talk with. Brainstorm from meeting: MPU, Woodland Dunes Nature Center, Peters Pantry, City arborist to discuss street trees, John Durbrow to present his ideas, Friends of the Manitowoc River, Little Manitowoc project group
- **Collaboration:** Discussed the importance of partnering with other groups and letting them know we are willing to help provide a voice to the city council and major for groups who may not otherwise have the opportunity. Action Item: TF will craft language for our Earth Day call to participants that reflects our willingness to collaborate. We will also make an effort at Earth Day to connect with people at that event.

4. Earth Day:

- Action Item: Committee members review Tony's list of Earth Day participants, let him know who you can contact and think of additional people to pull into the event
- SR talked with Todd Holschbach from the WI Nature Conservancy, he is interested in doing a presentation at Earth Day. SR will talk further with him about topics to present tot he committee.
- Todd Holschbach is friends with Tia Nelson, Gaylord Nelson's daughter. Conversation will continue about her being involved with the Earth Day celebration or another event.
- KE will talk with Chuck Sontag about doing a bird presentation at Earth Day.

4. Newspaper Article

- Action Item: EH will write the next article about a winter related theme.

5. Updates on old business

- *Downtown recycling collection initiative:* Tabled until Jan/Feb prior to market starting up.
- *Sustainability Recognition of Local Businesses:* TF is talking with Karen about piggy backing on a current award, will update the committee on progress.

6. Project File:

- No business

7. New Business

- Discussion of a future speaker series, possibility of partnering with UW-Manitowoc or Silver Lake College.

- Discussion of doing a newsletter, both in print and through social media. More discussion at next meeting.
- EH asked our mission be put on the meeting agenda as a reminder of our focus and vision.

KE made a motion to adjourn the meeting, PS seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Minutes prepared by KE.