

Sustainability Commission February 27th, 2023

4:06 meeting called to order

Present:

Aamna Anwer

Paul Barrs

Pam Bliss

Jamie Hasemeier

Todd Rehg

Elizabeth Schappe

Jeff Tomich

Vera Cavato - Assistant director of Public Works

December and January approval of minutes

- Jeff T motion, Paul seconded

Visitor comments

- Comprehensive sidewalk repair cost-share program
- Apply through PW, give cost estimate
- Has to be brought to council to move forward

Old business

- SIUE engagement
 - Has to make its way onto a work session agenda
 - Probably won't happen until July since several sessions will be on budgeting
 - Todd will work with Dr. Peoples to get it on the calendar
- Green Space collaboration
 - Speaker series
 - One for Dark Sky in January
 - How to Kill Your Lawn in February
 - Next step is No Mow Month
 - Subcommittee will meet one more time
 - Carrie Coyne looking into having signs made two-sided "leave the leaves"
 - GSC in touch with code enforcement
 - Jenny will support with promotion/education
 - No Mow Month speaker in March
 - Brainstorm ideas for speakers we know
 - Solar
 - Benefits from IRA that residents can tap into
 - Everyone, please start to think about this
 - Mosquitoes again
- Stormwater management plan

- Met last Friday, all in agreement we're going with Intuition and Logic
- Traffic advisory collaboration
 - Discussed complete streets
 - How do we define in context of Webster
 - Establish some guiding principles
 - Do a literature review
 - How to move forward to craft something we can recommend
 - Next meeting March 9th
 - Paul, Jeff, Elizabeth on this subcommittee
- Webster on Wheels
 - Meeting with Dave Buck on Feb 14th
 - First Sunday in May: May 7th
 - Similar format as last year
 - Dave has asked if we would cosponsor again
 - Helping with cones, coolers,
 - Route a little bit different
 - Might get better ridership with nominal fee
 - Ideas on how to engage/educate
 - B-Works could potentially bring bikes
- Hixson sustainability class
 - Aamna, Jamie, Karla will be meeting with Mr. Hayes's students next week

New Business

- Solar
 - City Hall getting an understanding of what barriers are in the way for residents
 - Some neighborhood specific things have come up
 - Mayor Arnold speaking with Mara Perry to smooth out any issues
 - Would like to continue participating in Grow Solar program
 - Mostly community outreach
 - Do we have a deadline to commit by?
 - Jamie will follow up with Kat
 - Elevate our businesses to promote
- Green Dining Alliance
 - Jamie and Aamna met with Eric Peterson who is the staff liaison for the BDC
 - Supportive and getting us access to a list of foodservice businesses in Webster
 - He requested an action plan to share with the BDC by March 23
 - Suggested microgrants from the city
 - Meeting with Ben Daugherty, the GDA program coordinator, to talk through some more details
 - Making whole city a Green Dining District might be challenging
- Large Yard Sale
 - One weekend for residents
 - Public Works yard sale in April

- Midwest Climate Summit
 - A lot of other cities' folks are overwhelmed by low capacity to process government funding
- Earth Month
 - List of 10 things people can do to help the earth
 - Elizabeth will work on this
 - Any other fun easy things to do

Councilwoman Pam Bliss update

- **Attended Midwest Climate Collaborative Conference**
 - Shared needs of our community
- MCS - saturated and excited by all the information
 - Figure out connections with initiatives/grants
- April ballot proposition for MO sales tax for marijuana sales
- Passed an ordinance for 9 homes
- Pam did meet with BDC and heard from Eric that they'd be looking at GDA

Staff liaison Todd Rehg update

- Safe Streets and Roads for All
 - Zoom meeting boot camps
 - Need to have plans for zero traffic deaths
 - Can get a grant when have action plan
- Dr. Peoples wants to know what SC priority list is
 - Jamie will revisit the list Council approved and outline and note where we are in the process
- Strava Metro
 - Metro strips Strava data of personal data to save
 - Last question is about environmental racism
 - Jamie meeting with Councilman Emerson Smith to partner with North Webster community

Next meeting...may move to March 27th

For next agenda:

- Residential code for EV readiness before MO legislature takes this up
 - Planning commission
 - Jamie will reach out to Mara

Meeting adjourned 4:57 pm, motion by Jeff T, seconded by Paul