
City of Canandaigua CSC Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Location: Wood Library

Date: January 16, 2019

Time: 6:30-7:30 pm

Present:

Suzette van der Sterre, CSC Task Force Chair
Rob Richardson, Assistant City Manager, CSC Task Force Coordinator
Erich Dittmar
Lauren Dittmar
Chris Glattly
Thomas Lyon
David Poteet
Ryan Wilmer

Not Present:

Maria Bucci
Laura Kenyon
Ellen Polimeni
Karen White

1. Welcome

2. Coordinator Report

- DEC Grant Projects
 - Grant application awarded in December to fund baseline assessments for: Community GHG Inventory, Government Operations GHG Inventory, Natural Resources Inventory, Climate Vulnerability Assessment
 - Meeting with Cassidy (Impact Earth) on January 30 about conducting all assessments, and the plan is for her to attend CSC's March meeting.
 - The goal is for all assessments to be completed by October 2020.
- C-PACE Financing

- Allows any business that wants to make energy efficient upgrades have access to customizable loans/rates. Also, if building defaults, city gets their money back before the rest of the lienholders do.
- Local law passed to allow this.
- Community Choice Aggregation
 - Newly added CSC Action Item. City Council already passed legislation to allow it.
 - Rob will give his recommendation to City Council of choosing Roctricity and JouleCommunity Power as the Administrators because of their proven track record, their commitment to using only renewable energy, and their focus on community engagement/education—will be on Environmental Committee agenda for January 21 meeting.
- Marketing Materials—Recycling Magnet
 - 5000 have been ordered (no cost to City—provided by Ontario County through Waste grant).
 - Will most likely be included in previously planned City mailing to all residents, along with more information about CSC, updates, upcoming events, etc.

3. Old Business

- End of Year Report (Suzi and Rob)—Feedback from group: Spell out C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy); add Chris Glattly as task force member.
- CSC Approved Benchmarking (Suzi)—No update.
- Green Vendor Fair (Maria and Chris)—March 28, 10am-1pm, Link Gym (Canandaigua Primary-Elementary School); Volunteers will be needed 9am-2pm; Will be inviting 80-100 vendors; Matters to look into: Charging a registration fee to vendors (whether it's possible and how it would work) and whether it'd be possible to invite Food Trucks.
- Zero Waste Events Guidelines (Lauren and Karen)—Guidelines are complete and ready to be reviewed again by the rest of the task force before getting Community Stakeholder/City Staff/City Council input; can be used as a guide when planning for the Green Vendor Fair.
- City Building Recycling and Composting (Rob and Dave)—Will get some insight on recommendations to make after meeting with Cassidy from Impact Earth.
- Recycling PR Campaign (Maria)—Magnets to be mailed out to City residents, along with more information about CSC, updates, upcoming events, etc.

4. New Business

- No Earthapalooza (Wood Library) this year.
- FLCC will be hosting an 'Earth Week' (April 20-24)—CSC interested in offering support (help with promotion and planning, and possibly table at event).
- Community Gardens Action Item (Dave and Lauren)— Leslie MacPherson (member of FLCC Sustainability Committee) has requested to meet to share ideas and information regarding community gardens. Dave/Lauren will share what is known about the current CSC action item, and offer support of future endeavors by FLCC. Thomas noted that the City's Comprehensive Plan will include community gardens as an encouraged use of land in the City, which may help to work towards the completion of this action item.