MINUTES
Sustainability Committee
July 19, 2017
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. on July 19, 2017 the Municipal Complex in Crystal Lake.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

Present were the following Committee members: Pat Dieckhoff, Terry Dieckhoff, Chair Scott Hennings, Bethany Austin, John Kavalunas and Lehn Shepherd. Chalen Daigle, Steve Fuller and Ryan Pettit were absent. Also in attendance was Scott Kuykendall and Assistant to the City Manager Melanie Nebel.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Bike with Your Neighbor Event Review

The Committee reviewed the Bike with Your Neighbor Event. Overall, members thought attendees enjoyed the event, but noted attendance was down from past years (50 people). Possible reasons for the decrease were the day of the week and time of the event. Members also said family and church obligations may have prevented people from attending.

Members will develop a survey and email to past attendees to get feedback about the event. In addition, possible marketing ideas (social media, save the date, etc.) will be explored. It was indicated that the Crystal Lake Park District may want to combine the event with their Bike Rodeo. A tentative date of June 10, 2018 at noon was set for next year's event.

The event will be discussed at the August meeting.

V. Johnny Appleseed – September 30, 2017

The Committee will have a booth at the festival again this year. Paperwork will be submitted to Downtown Crystal Lake by City Staff. Members discussed options for booth displays including give aways (seeds, coloring pages, light bulbs or water bottles). Staff will research possible water bottle options for the next meeting, as well as the possibility of a raffle item, such as a rain barrel or Nest thermostat.

Additional booth ideas/themes included bike map display, with additional information provided about citywide locations for maps in the future. Energy efficiency and weatherization were also discussed as possible themes. Staff will provide contact information for ComEd to see if they will be available to be at the booth as in the past.

The booth will be discussed at the August meeting.

VI. Greenest Region Compact 2

Staff provided the Committee with a copy of the Greenest Region Compact 2 for their review and discussion. The Committee directed staff to schedule meetings with department heads to discuss what the City is doing to meet goals of the compact. It is hoped that staff can attend future meetings to review to help the Committee better determine focus areas.

In addition, members discussed past efforts and areas of interest including the Bicycle Friendly Community Designation and climate change. A letter from Mayor Shepley to Congressman Peter Roskam and Congressman Randy Hultgren regarding climate change was discussed. Members agreed to review examples of resolution urging action on climate change from the Mayor and City Council at the August meeting.

The Committee agreed that the next regular meeting date will be Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

VII. Open Discussion

Scott Kuykendall discussed the 6th Annual Night Owl Bike Ride on August 5th. Staff will inquire about posting on social media as it was an event approved by the City Council.

VIII. Next Meeting

The Committee agreed that the next regular meeting date will be Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

VIIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Member Austin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Member Shepherd seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.