

**Sustainability Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Notes**

**May 12, 2021 5:30PM**

**Meeting location:** Online <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/945555797>

Triplett, Fitzpatrick, Ouellette, Scott, Cochran, Byers, Lunde

Welcome and introductions

Approval of the Agenda

*Moved by Nancy, seconded by Andrew, unanimously passed*

Approval of Meeting Notes

*No changes*

**OLD BUSINESS**

Recycling Center Update

*Commodity prices are rising and finances are better; a missing element is a capital equipment repair fund; forklifts are broken; Nancy will be submitting a grant proposal for a fork lift*

Public Transportation

*Item tabled until George Weeks is available*

Earth Day 2021 Recap

*Seven businesses took the pledge and will get an emblem; there are things to clarify, will need to include the nominator’s names and let the recipients know; perhaps including messages to the Chamber mailing list; look at PSU’s Green Guide for ideas and to identify businesses; Green Guide has not been published as of this date; 75 individual respondents; lots of positive feedback; potentially can provide feedback or summary on the web site; City can post pledge businesses on its media; cleanup efforts involved many organizations;*

Green Award Program Progress

*Need to work with Chamber of Commerce to coordinate this initiative; Ouellette to meet with Blake Benson and Jay Byers to plan a rollout of this program;*

**NEW BUSINESS**

PSU Sustainability Program

*Matt Lunde, Asst Mktg Professor, discussed student publications on the renewing of PSU’s sustainability program; Lunde recognized the impact on the students of working in the community;*

Other Activities?

*A vertical baler installed for Jerry’s operation with the City; Crawford County solid waste planning committee is working on proposal reviews;*

*Fitzpatrick has seen programs that charge a fee for plastic bags; the fee could help support the Recycling Center; during the cleanup, she encountered many plastic bags; she will research what Lawrence is doing; SAC was in favor of pursuing*

*Ouellette asked about sidewalks on N. Broadway; Byers responded that the City is approaching the businesses to participate in a 50/50 match*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Pittsburg Beautiful Update

*Scott was gratified by the collaboration on Earth Day; she explained it started over 20 years ago with some endowed funds; it is a non-profit group; they do cleanups, plant urns downtown and baskets; plant flowers in parks, recognize homes and businesses; Immigrant Park has received a facelift; CC historical museum will put in a butterfly garden for educational purposes; they are all volunteer;*

*Ouellette would like to plan a weekend to discuss goals for related organizations; groups could present on their goals; may be better to wait until autumn; perhaps Enactus; TEDx talk?*

*Does Chamber celebrate Pittsburg? Any other activities; need a kit to promote SAC; can include a table skirt and popup backdrop*

*Ouellette had prepared a draft of a web site for SEK Recycling;*

Adjourn 6:36PM