

**Sustainability Advisory Committee**

**Agenda**

**May 17, 2022 5:30PM**

**Meeting location:** City Hall

*Attendees: JTriplett, AOullette, MLunde, GWeeks, NScott, JByers*

Approval of the Agenda

*No new agenda items were added*

**OLD BUSINESS**

Earth Day Recap

*The group discussed the Earth Day event and were generally satisfied; the food vendor indicated that it was definitely worth their time to be there; no new people signed up for the pledge - other options will be considered*

Sustainability Students Presentations

*Some of the Committee members attended presentations by two groups of MLunde’s students; the students did small surveys about the community’s knowledge of the Committee and made suggestions about how to better market the Committee and its activities and mission; MLunde indicated that both student groups received As; the Committee will review and discuss the students’ presentations at a future meeting*

Recycling Center Update

*The Recycling Center has submitted a proposal for a waste oil heater to improve working conditions during cold periods; the center is currently in good financial shape, primarily due to the prices for recycled materials; there is a need for a grinder to facilitate plastics recycling; the center staff and board will be working through a strategic planning process; there is a need for a long-term sustainability plan*

Native Species

*GWeeks presented a suggestion for wording changes to Pittsburg’s municipal code 50-19; the Committee approved the suggestions; these changes can be proposed to the City Commission; there may also be a need to look at Article 40 of the Pittsburg Zoning book*

Air Quality Monitor

*The EPA was contacted regarding having a formal air quality monitor in Pittsburg; EPA indicated the State was responsible for developing monitoring plans; JByers has sent an email to the Kansas air quality department requesting a monitoring station; it may be necessary for the city to purchase its own equipment and manage its air quality monitoring*

**NEW BUSINESS**

Quick Charge EV project

*All of the charges in Pittsburg are slow chargers; we need fast chargers here; funds are available from the federal government for fast chargers, but they do require a significant match; a fast charger in the vicinity of Block22 would be a good location; there are chargers at the casino, but it is believed they are slow chargers*

Open Dumpsters / Trash Codes

*NScott stated that there are many instances where dumpsters are left open and trash is blown into the neighborhood; there needs to be some way to better address this issue; JByers stated that the city is not in the trash business – an attempt to have the city be responsible for trash was rejected by the City Commission; all the city can do is cite offending properties for nuisance code violations*

**OTHER BUSINESS**