

**Sustainability Advisory Committee**

**Agenda**

**October 18, 2022 5:30PM**

**Meeting location:** City Hall

*Present: Andrew Ouellette, George Weeks, Denise Fitzpatrick, Jim Triplett, Jay Byers*

Approval of the Agenda

*Unanimously approved*

**OLD BUSINESS**

Recycling Center Update

*Recycling building was named for Dr. Triplett; waste oil heater has been installed; web site is up and active with a survey open for another week; Board had a retreat and is working on a strategic plan with Greenbush; commodity prices are down, resulting in lower revenues; considering an open house event*

Fall Event

* World Science Day (with NIMA)

*Grant applications are being made; unable to have an event due to workloads*

* Recycling Day

*Having an open house 11/15, sponsored by SAC?; need to explain why plastic bags are a problem; need to make public aware that the larger stores will take plastic bags in for recycling*

Membership

* Recruitment campaign (Matt O’Malley)

*Engage with PAYP? – one member interested – Audrey Ricks*

* Social event
* Speaker

*Have an extension agent talk about native species: Jesse Gilmore (Denise to confirm); advertise*

Sustainability Marketing

* Social event

*Potentially have Dr. Shipp speak at an event; can be used as membership recruiting; attempt to gain his support for sustainability*

* School visits

Reach out to principals and teachers and superintendent; where would a discussion of sustainability best fit into the curriculum?;

* Community cleanup

Engage PAYP in a Spring cleanup, perhaps in conjunction with Earth Day; have a bike drive for Xmas?

* Working with other sustainability groups

**NEW BUSINESS**

Project Ideas

* Rain gardens

*In early Spring; create kits for recycling tubs; have a volunteer event; rain barrels*

* EV charging station

*An individual is pushing the idea and has donated to the tech center; they intend to create an EV service area; 24kW unit available; preferred location in parking lot (downtown?)*

* Costume exchange

*Not this year; maybe in partnership with Parks and Recreation*

* Recycling containers
* Community garden(s)

*Church on Centennial (Disciples of Christ) has had one; bring up the idea at the next Land Bank meeting to see if there are any lots that would be best for this*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

*What is the status of PSU Sustainability?; club is not too active; aquaponics project is moving in Cherokee*