

**Sustainability Advisory Committee**

**Agenda**

**November 15, 2022 5:30PM**

**Meeting location:** City Hall

Attendees: A. Oullette, N. Scott, D. Fitzpatrick, G. Weeks, S. Hite, J. Byers

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Jesse Gilmore, KSU Extension Office, horticultural expert – Native Plants and Grasses

*Mr. Gilmore provided a presentation on native and invasive species in the area; Pittsburg is in climate zone 6B*

**OLD BUSINESS**

Recycling Center Update

*Center had a successful open house today; densifier is functioning well; Center is currently in an active strategic planning effort with Monica Murnan from Greenbush; they will be focusing on establishing a strong financial plan; there is a need to prepare a public media campaign to raise awareness of the Center and increase membership*

Fall Event

*Oullette suggested to plan an open house event in partnership with the Kansas Polymer Research Center in the Summer of 2023 for a Fall event*

Membership

*We have received an application for membership from PSU student Tucker Jessip, who has been active with Students for Sustainability and Enactus; also will attempt to reach out to Audrey Ricks and Matt O’Malley; City has sent out public requests for board applications*

Sustainability Marketing

*There was interest expressed by the Committee to make a community garden a keystone project; using native plants was the focus; Gilmore suggested that there may be Master Gardeners who are willing to spend time to set one (or more) up and potentially to help maintain; the Committee agreed to identify potential locations (the land near the Prichett Pavilion and along the walking path in Miners’ Memorial Park was suggested); best time to observe would be immediately after a rain, and KSU Extension should be contacted to arrange a field visit; the Pittsburg Public Library is a good place to arrange public meetings*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*None*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

*None*