

**Sustainability Advisory Committee**

**Notes from**

**September 20, 2022 5:30PM**

**Meeting location:** City Hall

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

Approval of the Agenda

*Unanimously approved*

**OLD BUSINESS**

Recycling Center Update

*The Recycling Center Board has agreed to name its primary building after Dr. Triplett in recognition of his many years of commitment to establishing and sustaining the Center; the Center is undergoing a strategic planning effort led by Monica Murnan of Greenbush, they will attempt to increase wages and provide more stability in funding and operations; they are interested in potentially salvaging and selling construction debris, perhaps creating a materials barn that can create something akin to the Habitat store*

Fall Event

*The SAC is considering coordinating a potential activity with the newly formed National Institute of Materials Advancement (NIMA) at PSU for World Science Day and Recycling Day; goal would be to focus on sustainable science efforts*

Membership

*There are open positions on the Committee and there is interest in working with the City’s PIM on a campaign to recruit new members; potentially asking Matt O’Malley; there may be value to having a social event to identify potential committee members;*

Sustainability Marketing

*Still need results of marketing study work by Lunde’s students; Considering a push to get recycling containers around town – these are less prevalent here than they are in other communities; a social event (meet & greet) may be a good opportunity to improve the committee’s visibility; is there value to recycling election signs?; the Committee could sponsor a speaker; also a new community garden may raise awareness; there may be some value to having one or more of the members visit the schools to discuss sustainability issues; the Committee could sponsor a community cleanup; should review if there are other groups doing sustainability work*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Jesse Gilmore from the Extension Office will be coming to the SAC in November to discuss native plants; would a Halloween costume exchange be viable?; is there some way to increase the number of rain gardens in the City?*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

*A short-term charging station is available – where would it best be located? Probably in the area of Block22; are there grants available to help with deployment?*