



## Sustainability Advisory Committee

### Notes

January 17, 2023 5:30PM

**Meeting location:** City Hall

*In Attendance: DFitzpatrick, NScott, AOullette, TJessip*

*Approval of the Agenda - Unanimously approved*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Recycling Center Update

*The operations manager is retiring and the assistant is taking over; looking to hire 2 more staff; commodities prices are currently low and they are currently not shipping most commodities waiting for prices to go back up, there is a seasonal aspect to commodity prices; want to move forward with a 1- and 5-year strategic plan, perhaps forming a relationship with KARC; there is a need for a grinder to assist with commodity storage and shipping; Carl Wood has been supportive of the Recycling Center in the past; considering how the Recycling Center could participate in the Mayor's cleanup initiative*

#### Membership

*Interest was expressed in having the City help with a recruitment campaign; perhaps PSU faculty and students would be interested; is there a replacement for Lunde?*

#### Sustainability Marketing

*Is it possible to get access to Lunde's data from his students' project?*

#### Community Cleanup Update

*This is an opportunity for marketing the SAC; YP will be organizing a cleanup around and behind Home Depot; Sarah R will put this on the City's web site; perhaps a project to clean up around the Recycling Center?*

#### 2023 Planning

*The Recycling Center will be finalizing a strategic plan, which the SAC can support; also looking to work on Earth Day and promotion; there were numerous ideas relating to potential projects – those include:*

- *Continuing and more active support of the Recycling Center*
- *Participating in any and all cleanup initiatives*
- *Supporting and marketing the EV charging station*
- *Celebrating the success of the PACT bus*
- *Considering adding air quality monitors; looking for grants or PSU and USD opportunities*
- *Earth Day continues to be a primary project; goal is educational, looking for themes; hopefully have a native plants garden planted, with master gardeners available, soil testing; City Parks and Recreation to maintain*

- *Support of monarch butterfly migration*
- *Participation in National Science Day*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

EV Charging Station

*There is a new fast charger being installed next to the Colonial Fox Theater; it will be the only fast charger in SEK;*

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Shipp and Sustainability

*It was noted that Dr. Shipp is interested in sustainability issues and will support initiatives on campus*