



## **Sustainability Advisory Committee**

### **Agenda**

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

**Meeting location:** City Hall

*In Attendance: DFitzpatrick, NScott, GWeeks, TJessip, AOulette*

*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; reuse shop is bringing in good money; considering acquiring a mobile trailer unit; looking for marketing support; currently working on a 1- and 5-year strategic plan*

#### Membership – Outgoing and Incoming

*There was a discussion of current membership and a desire to work on recruiting new members; GWeeks indicated he would ask a friend to join; membership recruiting options were discussed*

#### Sustainability Marketing

*Interest was expressed in marketing for new members as well as educating the public on the SAC; it was noted that people need to be more aware of their responsibilities for their environment; events were identified as the best way to raise the profile of the SAC and to promote its goals; the recycling center was identified as a project that could be central to SAC marketing*

#### Update on a Native Plants Garden

*After visit with Jesse Gilmore from the extension office, an area near the Pritchett Pavilion was identified as a good, visible location for a native garden; there was a discussion of what it should look like and it was suggested that, weather permitting, the SAC should take a field trip to the site on 2<sup>nd</sup> St.; it was suggested that a botany professor from PSU would be a good person to recruit to help with this project*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Community Cleanup

*Discussion was held regarding whether this was part of the role of the SAC; cleanup around US69 and the bypass was identified as a need; another area identified as needing cleanup was the 4<sup>th</sup> St. corridor from the bypass to downtown*

#### 2023 Planning

*It was suggested that the SAC undertake an awareness campaign regarding the SAC and its goals; there was discussion regarding where the SAC can have the most impact; it was suggested that perhaps*

*identifying and promoting those who are acting sustainably – like the green awards – should be a goal; also, the idea of planting trees: the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in January was suggested as a planning session*

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Denise Fitzpatrick agreed to assume the role of chairperson*

*GWeeks provided an update on the PACT bus; ridership went up from 4,000 to over 10,000 due to adding a second bus; the greater availability has made it a more attractive option*