



Minutes
Green Committee
Tuesday, 5/20/14, 7:00PM
City Hall Conference Rm.

Members: Dan Belliveau, Ken Camera, Pat Grimaldi, Adam Maurer, James-Emery Elkin, Aaron Smith, Doug Knipple, John Vanderweide, Anne Hoyt, Jim Norwalk, Larry Campbell, Cal Adams, Doug Knipple,

Public: Anyone from Town (Mark Palmeri, Mark Venuti) and City.

Invited Guests: Todd Taylor, JJ Nicholson, Charles Rouse, Vinnie Aliperti

1. Municipal Composting Ordinance.

- Report on status (James-Emery)

Beth Kinney looked over the ordinance language that submit and vetted for consistency and legal soundness.... She will be finished maybe within the next week. After that Jim Norwalk will submit this language directly to the City (c/o Neil Braman) for taking to the next level.

Jim will identify that stage or level and what the City will do and provide some details on what the next steps are.

2. Municipal Composting Survey (Adam)

- Progress report

Kayleigh completed her survey.... But may have not completed the initial pilot testing that was being planned. Adam agreed to obtain the final draft and distribute it to the entire Committee.

James Emery said, that give his connection with the restaurant community, he would be happy to test it on about 5 restaurants and recommend any needed final adjustments.

Aaron agreed to test the survey on the GSD with the assistance of Jerry Barker.

3. Green Committee Participation in Phase 2 of Lakefront Development.
 - Report from Jim Norwalk.

The GGC was interested in having some representation on the Phase 2 Lakefront development planning group to suggest and review sustainable design and practices. James Emery-Elkin and Jim Norwalk were appointed by the GGC as candidates for the design meetings for Phase 2 that are starting up.

Ken agreed to forward an email to Sage Gerling the project manager asking that James and Jim be included in the project planning process. Jim is a Biologist with an MS in Forestry from North Carolina State. James has a BA in History from Roanoke College and experience in LEED certified projects and sustainable design.

Note: After the meeting, Ken contacted Sage and about their participation and Jim and James were welcomed onto the planning group. She is trying to work out a schedule with them that works.

4. Report on City of Geneva Carbon Footprint study.
 - Larry Campbell and student.

Larry and his student intern provided a report on the energy and carbon footprint study. The focus started with the collection of electric and natural gas data from NYSEG going back to 2009. They have complete sets for all 90 City of Geneva accounts from 2011 through 2013. They are

currently in the process of graphically displaying the information. It should be noted that the Johnson Controls (JCI) performance contract addressed the 20 largest accounts and that data goes back to 2009. That potentially means that the work that Larry has done could be used by the City to assess the success of the JCI job.

The graphs that Larry and his student have developed show 11 major categories of end uses with water treatment, waste water treatment, and lighting being the largest.

Green House Gas reductions have not been calculated as yet. This is the next step in the process. Climate Smart Communities (CSC) software will be used to do this.

Gasoline and diesel consumption by the City has not yet been analyzed. CSC software will accept this data as well so this will probably constitute the next phase of the project after preliminary results are presented.

During the discussion of Larry's report there seemed to be an interest in the results of the study be used by City staff in the evaluation of the JCI project.

Next step is the data and a brief description will be transmitted to the GGC. Present a brief overview at the next meeting.

5. Proposed discussion topic - legislation to ban/reduce use of plastic shopping bags. Vinnie Aliperti from Zero Waste will start discussion.

Unitarian and Green Sanctuary certified among Unitarian Universalist it is hard to get certified from the UUA, 5 years and they have 2 years left before they recertify.

Broad education campaign. County-wide program but expandable to others....

Wegmans incentivizes people to recycle plastic and gives benefits to Sierra Club.

Incentive approaches vs. sticks.

Arguments to break the cycle. Better uses for plastic.....

SF did this within two years. Big public education campaign.

Californians against waste....

List of municipalities. Rye and Mamaroneck.

Email list is being put together and they are going to invite others to do a kick off meeting.

Vinnie is going to send us the fact sheet and get the

6. Proposed discussion topic - NYSERDA funding for solar projects - Doug Knipple.

Doug brought to the GGC's attention that there is a NYSERDA Program Solicitation for assistance for solar energy projects.

Members of the Cmte. discussed solar panel covered parking lots and other venues where the City could locate them using free space.

There is a need to develop a brief summary of the kind of assistance that we could receive from NYSERDA.

James Emery knows the Quik Solar people and some other developers of renewables and will provide a briefing on what kinds of options might make sense for further research.

7. Other business.

Leachate.

Dan Belliveau wants to introduce the Leachate matter for review by the GGC. WWTP cannot process this waste. Wants to come up with a statement for the GGC to endorse and then present to the GCC.

We need to take a stand against further leachate deals.

Ken has asked Doug K. to write up the scientific justification for stopping the acceptance of leachate.

Dan and Doug will collaborate on developing a statement for review by the GGC at the next meeting.

Note: I was not able to print up notes from our last meeting, so I don't know what balls have been dropped since then. So would like to reserve a little time for rebuilding our agenda for the next meeting, June 17th.

Topics discussed at April meeting included:

- Loaner recycling receptacles for lakefront events for this summer
- Ontario Pathways and finding a short route from system to lakefront
- Prescription medicine drop - off installed at the Geneva municipal building.
