
City of Canandaigua CSC Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Location: Wood Library

Date: March 19, 2019

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm

Present:

Suzette van der Sterre, CSC Task Force Chair
Rob Richardson, Assistant City Manager, CSC Task Force Coordinator
Maria Bucci
Mary Clark-Smith
Erich Dittmar
Lauren Dittmar
Chris Glattly
Laura Kenyon
Ellen Polimeni
David Poteet
Karen White
Ryan Wilmer

Not Present:

John Goodwin
Thomas Lyon

1. Welcome

- Mary Clark-Smith will be leaving the Task Force due to moving out of Canandaigua. City resident Laura Kenyon will be taking her place.

2. Earth Day Event in Partnership with Wood Library

- Programming update—Maria Bucci
 - Provided schedule of events to all members via email.
- Confirm partners

- All confirmed except for FLLT. Room is at capacity for booth setups, plus three attractions outside, and possibly one in front lobby.
- Green Team member volunteered to look into getting food provided for groups tabling at the event.
- Discuss promotions
 - Flyers/posters
 - Flyer is complete. Maria has designed a first draft of the poster.
 - Green Team member volunteered to hang posters up at various businesses in Canandaigua.
 - Press release
 - Media contacts
 - Announce at Council Meeting (Suzi—April 4)
 - City of Canandaigua and Ontario County websites
 - Social media (Wood Library and Climate Smart Canandaigua will share on Facebook pages)
 - Green Team member suggested Owl Light News

3. DEC Buffer in a Bag Program—Maria Bucci

- City residents that live along waterway (i.e. Sucker Brook) are able to apply to receive native plants from the DEC to help with erosion control, reducing impacts of flooding, filtering storm water, etc. Kevin Olvany (Canandaigua Lake Watershed Manager) has identified properties along Sucker Brook that should be eligible.
- Maria proposing that the CSC Task Force assists with the application process in working towards Climate Action PE7: Restoration of Floodplains and Riparian Buffers.
- Deadline for applications is April 3. Several members of Task Force volunteered to go door to door to explain program and application to homeowners and encourage them to participate.

4. City Report—Rob Richardson

- While we wait to hear about the status of the Task Force’s application for bronze certification, Rob presented a few of the actions that were part of that application that the rest of the group might not be familiar with.
 - SmartWatt—switching over to LED streetlights (savings that result from this improvement will be able to be used towards other projects)
 - Became Clean Energy Community in November 2017
 - Solar Farm—clean energy upgrade (there may be the opportunity to partner with GreenSpark Solar to help educate the public and help streamline the solar panel installation process for homeowners)
 - Electric Car Charging Station installed (possibility to promote and highlight this in the future)

5. Next Meeting and Beyond

- Thursday, April 11: CSC Task Force Meeting (without Wood Library's Green Team)—6:30pm at City Hall
- Monday, April 22: Earthapalooza Event
- Thursday, May 9: All agreed that the May meeting should be combined with Wood Library's Green Team to debrief after the Earth Day Event. Possibly invite event partners and some interested attendees from event to get feedback, discuss ideas for future endeavors, etc.