
City of Canandaigua CSC Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Location: Wood Library

Date: August 8, 2019

Time: 6:30-7:30 pm

Present:

Suzette van der Sterre, CSC Task Force Chair

Maria Bucci

Erich Dittmar

Lauren Dittmar

Thomas Lyon

Ellen Polimeni

David Poteet

Karen White

Not Present:

Rob Richardson, Assistant City Manager, CSC Task Force Coordinator

Chris Glattly

Laura Kenyon

Ryan Wilmer

1. Welcome

2. Coordinator Report

- August 28-29: Solid Waste Audit to be done by Impact Earth for the City's Municipal Buildings.
- Sept. 10: RPCC to give presentation on Community Choice Aggregation at City's Environmental Committee Meeting.

3. Old Business

- Reviewed status and timeline for the various action items that are currently being worked on by Task Force members:

- Educational Booth @ Art & Music Fest (Thomas)—Reported on event; positive reactions from festival goers and a great way to start to spread awareness about CSC; volunteers talked to many people—mix of those who already participate in the city’s backyard composting program, many people from out of town who showed interest, some residents that live in apartments but wish that they could participate, and quite a few new signups for compost bin.
- CSC Approved Benchmarking (Suzi)—No update.
- Community GHG Inventory (Rob)—No update.
- Government Operations GHG Inventory (Rob)—No update.
- Natural Resources Inventory (Rob and Suzi)—No update.
- Green Vendor Fair (Maria and Chris)—Barbara Kasulaitis, Sustainability Coordinator at FLCC, will put together spreadsheet of all possible green vendors.
- Zero Waste Events Guidelines (Lauren and Karen)—Task Force should provide encouragement and guidance for Zero Waste Events in the City; will begin to work on a Zero Waste Events Guide to post on City’s Special Events webpage; long term goal would be to require all events to be Zero Waste.
- City Building Recycling and Composting (Rob and Dave): No update.
- Recycling PR Campaign (Maria)—No update.
- Community Garden (Dave and Lauren)—Reported on visit to Geneva Peeps Community Garden and Egg Coop; need to determine if there is a relevant action item along with possible point value; will run it by Dazzle (DEC Climate Smart Communities contact).
- Downtown Compost Bins for Businesses (Suzi)—Canandaigua BID is working on contracting with a compost service vendor. They are currently working on getting recycling bins on Main St.
- Network Building and Local Outreach (Suzi and Rob)—No update.

4. New Business

- Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program—Possible grant opportunity for promotional and educational materials to support recycling program. Maria is going to check with Ontario County to see if this fits with the possible Recycling PR Campaign partnership.
- Ellen Polimeni urged the group to think about how to start networking with the Canandaigua School District, she will be lead this initiative; Recently had Waste Audit performed by Impact Earth as well.