
City of Canandaigua CSC Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Location: Wood Library

Date: September 12, 2019

Time: 6:30-7:30 pm

Present:

Suzette van der Sterre, CSC Task Force Chair

Erich Dittmar

Lauren Dittmar

Chris Glattly

Laura Kenyon

Thomas Lyon

Ellen Polimeni

David Poteet

Not Present:

Rob Richardson, Assistant City Manager, CSC Task Force Coordinator

Maria Bucci

Karen White

Ryan Wilmer

1. Welcome

2. Coordinator Report

- C-PACE Financing:
 - Presentation made to Environmental/Parks Committee Tuesday, August 6th
 - Introduced and tabled at the September 5th City Council Meeting
 - Public Hearing and vote scheduled for October 3rd City Council Meeting
- Community Choice Aggregation:
 - Presentation was made at Tuesday, September 10th Environmental/Parks Committee
 - Will be introduced at October 3rd meeting and tabled
 - Public Hearing & vote scheduled for November 7th City Council Meeting
- Municipal Solid Waste Audit
 - Will be completed September 18th (DPW and WWTP)

- City has done exceptionally well so far—Impact Earth is impressed
- Hoping to present findings at October 8th Environmental/Parks Committee Meeting
- Looking into NYSERDA Charge Point Program to add charging stations
 - Will provide more information when it becomes available
 - Will send specs to Chris for review
- Attempting to connect w/ FLCC Environmental Conservation Department
 - Community Garden, other possible partnerships
 - Will follow up with Task Force After contact is made
- NYSERDA Local Government Workshop:
 - Rob has been asked to present at event on November 15th in Batavia
 - Topic of the workshop is renewable energy/sustainability
 - Presenting on the successful efforts made by the City on Clean Energy Upgrades
- RIT's Pollution Prevention Institute (PPI) is working with Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council (FLREDC) to establish a regional resource center for communities pursuing CSC Certification
 - Rob will be involved in the set up
 - Gets 1-2 calls a week from other communities pursuing certification
 - DEC/CSC continue to recommend they contact me based on the work we've done and our rapid progress
 - This means the work we're doing is getting noticed State-wide, and our community is considered as we are a model community for the program

3. Old Business

- Reviewed status for the various action items that are currently being worked on by Task Force members:
 - CSC Approved Benchmarking (Suzi)—Worked up a draft of a Green Business Checklist and has asked members to add feedback; Discussed implementation and possible incentives; Once finalized, will share with Denise Chaapel (BID).
 - Community GHG Inventory (Rob)—In progress.
 - Government Operations GHG Inventory (Rob)—In progress.
 - Natural Resources Inventory (Rob)—No update.
 - Green Vendor Fair (Maria and Chris)—No update.
 - Zero Waste Events Guidelines (Lauren and Karen)—Have begun working on Zero/Low Waste Event Guidelines and will share with group when more complete.
 - City Building Recycling and Composting (Rob and Dave): The City is currently working with Ontario County to get dual receptacles for government buildings.
 - Recycling PR Campaign (Maria)—See below (Municipal Waste and Recycling Grant).
 - Community Garden (Dave and Lauren)—Putting on hold until the updated edition of Action Item 6.7 is introduced in January 2020.
 - Downtown Compost Bins for Businesses (Suzi)—No update.
 - Municipal Waste and Recycling Grant (Suzi)
 - Due: Oct 31, 2019
 - Grant will assist local governments with paying for recycling education, coordination, promotion and planning (RECPP).

- Maria and Rob met with Regina from Ontario County and decided that Ontario County and City of Canandaigua would submit separate applications.
- Promotional Item Ideas (promotion of Waste Reduction, Recycling, Composting, etc.)
 - To spread awareness about CSC: reusable water bottles, reusable bags...
 - Educational piece: magnet with recycling/composting tips, printed materials...

4. New Business

- 2019/2020 Meeting Schedule—Suzi
 - Cancel December 2019/2020 and August 2020 due to likely low attendance.
- Food Scraps Grant—Suzi
 - Possible grant opportunity by DEC (expected to be announced in September sometime).