

City of Canandaigua
CSC Task Force Meeting—December 12, 2018
Wood Library, Canandaigua, NY

MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 6:30pm

Guests present:

John Goodwin (City Manager)
Ellen Polimeni (Mayor)

Members present:

Mary Clark-Smith
Erich Dittmar
Lauren Dittmar
David Poteet
Rob Richardson (Assistant City Manager; CSC Task Force Coordinator)
Suzette van der Sterre (CSC Task Force Chair)
Karen White
Ryan Wilmer

Members not present:

Maria Bucci
Thomas Lyon

Rob Richardson provided the Task Force with a hard copy of the Climate Smart Communities Certification Manual. All members have access to a digital copy of the manual as well.

Rob reported that he submitted the Climate Smart Communities Pledge to City Council on December 4, 2018. It was passed via Resolution #2017-064.

The group revisited the CSC Certification Action Checklist. Rob reported that the City of Canandaigua will most likely meet enough of the actions on the list with its existing infrastructure, programs, etc. to be certified at the Bronze level. He stated that he will be working on the necessary documentation during the next month or so in order to move forward with that certification. He also set a goal of 12-18 months for Silver Certification, depending on resources and execution of objectives.

With City officials present that were not present at previous meeting, the group reviewed new actions that they had previously identified as items to attempt to complete first. These include:

1. Cooling Centers (7.9)—Ideas mentioned were the Fire Station, Wood Library, and the Hurley Building. Need to explore further.
2. Shade Structures in Public Spaces (7.8)—May meet this action currently.
3. Location Climate Action Website (9.4)—A place to post updates, meeting minutes, etc. for the public to view; make easily accessible as a main link on existing City website.
4. Social Media (9.5)—Achieve outreach via City's existing Facebook page.
5. Safe Routes to School (6.13)—May be more difficult than originally thought based on current conditions as well as local weather.

All agreed that it would be advantageous to partner with established organizations to help with community outreach and to help achieve future action items. Potential partnerships mentioned were Wood Library, Habitat for Humanity Restore, City of Canandaigua Tree Advisory Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.