



**Energy and Sustainability Task Force Minutes
April 6, 2023, 4:00 pm**

201 South Holden St.

Warrensburg School District R-VI Central Office

Attendees: Bruce Uhler, Barbara Curtis, Jeremiah Robison, Steve Granger, Phil Miller, Aubrey Binder, Christine Lichte, Kathy Strickland, Travis Hume

Minutes approved as presented.

Call to Order by Bruce Uhler 4:03 PM

Agenda was approved as presented.

Aubrey Binder provided details about the sustainability survey and that it is complete and ready for distribution. She requested our input concerning demographic questions. The committee decided that we should ask them to disclose their age but not have any age requirement. The survey will consist of a Google Form and the link will be sent out tomorrow morning for a trial run within the committee. Next Tuesday it will hopefully go live on our Facebook page, within CEA, and for committee members to share on Facebook personally. Additionally, UCM will get their students to take the survey during Earth Week. The students are very excited and look forward to working through the data. The survey consists of 14 questions with the option to write in any additional information.

Kathy Strickland Tree Board Update: Christine and Kathy spoke with the UCM Student Government Association and they were interested in pursuing a Tree Campus. The service project has to be completed within the year that we apply so we will be looking at updating the tree trail in the fall as the service project.

Barbara Curtis' husband has been an active member of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association for 50 years and goes to their meetings. This year he had the opportunity to visit a program in Columbia Mo. Barbara is proposing a bicycle café – a space where tools and bike stands are made available for people to work on their bicycles. Columbia Mo received a 25 million dollar grant to turn Columbia into a bicycle commuter town. They took \$8k and started the bicycle co-op. This is primarily staffed by retired individuals who rehab old bicycles and sell them. Most bicycles are sold for \$40 or \$50. They use the revenue generated to stock locks, helmets, lights, and tubes and give back to the community. The parts that aren't usable are recycled. Local bike shops and businesses support these efforts by donating tools etc. Barbara is interested in talking with our organization and CEA to see if anyone is interested in running a club. One of the SDGs is transportation, and this could serve that SDG. UCM has specialty tools that could be used in this program.

Earth Day at the UCM farm 1:30-3:30 pm., the Mitchell Street farm.

Bruce met with Enrico and Danielle Dulin to get the 2019 baseline data of resources used by the city to assist with measuring our carbon footprint. We are looking to create a baseline to determine how we are performing from a sustainability standpoint.

Phil Miller discussed talking with community members about bringing a Tesla fast charging station to Warrensburg. There is interest in this technology. Steve Grainger added that there are very strong incentives for charging stations in Kansas. \$68,000 for business owners and up to \$25,000 for homeowners.

The Facebook page has been created and Bruce is working on adding content. Additionally, Bruce presented in front of the City Council to give them an update on the projects we are working on as a Task Force.

The meeting Adjourned at 5:08 pm