



**Energy and Sustainability Task Force Minutes
October 5, 2023, 5:00 pm**

100 South Holden St – Jack Moore Room - Chamber of Commerce – Train Depot

Attendees: Beth Rutt, Terry Vair, Jan Jones, Jeremiah Robison, Aubrey Binder, Phil Adlich, Bruce Uhler, Danielle Dulin, Chris Deal, Thomas Denny, Kathy Strickland

Call to Order by Bruce Uhler at 5:05 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes by Jeremiah Robison seconded by Terry Vair. Motion passed

Motion to approve amended agenda by Terry Vair seconded by Aubrey Binder. Motion passed

Danielle Dulin announced that Phil Adlich was promoted to Assistant Public Works Director. He has worked for the city for twenty years. He has been pivotal to the success of the city and served in many different roles. Congratulations to Phil!

Danielle Dulin met with the Task Force to discuss various city projects that are in the works. She began by discussing the Maguire Street redesign. With the business corridor comes many challenges including access and stormwater runoff. The city applied for federal funding to replace the bridge and were unsuccessful. Some of the goals of the project include burying overhead utilities, providing avenues for alternative means of transportation, and addressing the stormwater runoff infrastructure. Danielle stated that they intend to stay in their existing right of way instead of expanding to 4 or 5 lanes for Business 13. Terry asked if one of the methods to reduce traffic was to reduce the number of access points to 13 businesses. Danielle confirmed that this is the goal of the project. Additionally, as part of the Maguire Street project the city is considering EV charging stations. Meetings with business owners along Business 13 have been very positive. There will be a meeting on Nov 2nd from 5 pm-7 pm at the community center to meet with the public and plan the expansion. You can sign up for an e-newsletter at rethinkmaguire.com.

Danielle was asked about solid waste services in Warrensburg. The City of Warrensburg currently does not have any regulations as to how solid waste must be handled on the property except that solid waste must be removed from the property. A solid waste survey was done by Burns and McDonnell to provide some guidance to city staff. Having multiple servicers is hard on the city streets and recycling is a big priority for the citizens of Warrensburg. The intent is to go out and have a city-wide contract with a servicer so that the servicer can be held accountable if they are unable to meet the terms of the contract. Danielle is hoping that this will be more cost-effective for the citizens of Warrensburg.

Terry asked if the city has given up on doing the recycling ourselves at the water plant on Division Road. Danielle said that the recommendation from Burns and McDonnell was to provide a resident self-service area where residents can recycle their material at a local site. Danielle mentioned that yard waste, cardboard, and glass may be accepted at an area such as this.

Terry mentioned that he is more interested in the educational side of the equation. Terry mentioned that everyone who was interested in recycling would receive education through an online course to gain access to the self-service site. Terry also mentioned that some of these groups are making money off the recycled material, and this could help fund different aspects of the self-service site.

Danielle mentioned that the city is going to be doing a community-wide visioning process. This is meant to provide a channel for the public to tell the city how they want them to focus their limited resources. The last vision was done in the 1990s.

The timeframe for the vision project is Spring 2024.

Bruce mentioned that these sustainable initiatives will be very attractive for people who are looking to move to the area. Danielle also mentioned that the city will be bringing back a newsletter in cooperation with Warrensburg Parks and Rec to keep the public informed.

Discussion continued concerning the recycling self-service area. Higginsville reportedly earned \$800,000 last year from the recycling of cardboard, glass, and tin. Beth mentioned that it would be preferred if the city started with the self-serve area and then rolled out the curbside service. This would hopefully generate profits for the community here in Warrensburg. Terry and Beth emphasized that the educational part of this is the key to the success of the program. Terry mentioned that we need to do something to show the city of Warrensburg that our city is doing something for them.

Greg Nelson is helping Kathy Strickland with the tree campus project to get that off the ground.

Jeremiah reported that 13 tons of recyclable material were removed from the UCM Warrensburg campus since the start of their contract with GFL in January of this year.

Meeting Adjourned 6:12 PM