

## **SUSTAINABLE LA CROSSE COMMISSION**

Thursday, February 25, 2010

La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marilyn Pedretti, Dan Bagniewski, Mike Giese, Wayne Olson, Jean Salk, Eric Schmidt, Rob Tyser

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Jai Johnson, Brad Konkel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Karl Green, Margaret Norden, Dale Hexom, Jerry Severson

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Marilyn Pedretti called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2009, AND JANUARY 29, 2010**

**MOTION** by Bagniewski/Giese to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2009, and January 29, 2010.

**Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson, Konkel excused.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

Chair Pedretti explained that the item would be standard on the agenda to allow time for any group that cares to give a report or information. Suggestions for possible agencies to invite to give an update were: Environmental Resources Center, LAPC Biking Committee, Coulee Partners for Sustainability, City of La Crosse Park & Rec, CouleeCap, municipal township boards, Xcel Energy, Dairyland Power, UW-La Crosse, Viterbo University, Western Technical College, and Focus on Energy.

### **REVIEW JANUARY 29 RETREAT AND COMMISSION PRIORITIES**

Karl Green distributed copies of the priorities for the City and County that were set at the retreat. Discussion was held about talking with County department heads about sustainability efforts, and whether there would be staff support available from the City. There was lengthy discussion about providing outreach and public education, and establishing baseline measurements to show progress made on such items as energy consumption. Collection of data was discussed, including using energy company records vs. City and County finance department records. The need for aggregating data from multiple sources, and translating it into dollars and cents that would resonate more with the public, was discussed.

### **DISCUSS FORMATION OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

Committee consensus was to start with a Baseline Committee that would first update energy consumption data. Volunteers for the subcommittee were Wayne Olson, Rob Tyser, Jean Salk, Jerry Severson, and a contact person from the City of Onalaska to be named. They agreed to meet the first Tuesday in March.

### **DISCUSS PROCESS FOR COMPLETING AND ADDING TASKS**

Committee consensus was to move the item to the March 25, 2010, agenda.

### **INFORMATIONAL UPDATES**

Karl Green stated that on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., there will be a live webinar from SSL Technology & LED Lighting at the UW-Extension office.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None requested.

### **NEXT MEETING: MARCH 25, 2010**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Giese/Tyser to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson, Konkel excused.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

**Approved,** March 25, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder