

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Community Sustainability Council (CSC) was held on Monday, December 9, 2013 in the Plaza Level Council Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, commencing at 3:02 p.m. The following members were present: Co-Chairs Joel Landau and Bob Powell, Art Davis, Marlene Sanford, Maurice Allen, and Tom Duckwall. Staff present included Hanna Cockburn and Jeff Sovich (Planning Department), and Steve Randall (Engineering & Inspections Department).

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 14, 2013 MEETING:

Ms. Sanford moved approval of the October 14, 2013 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Allen. The Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion. (Ayes: Landau, Davis, Sanford, M. Allen, Duckwall. Nays: None.)

2) ESTABLISH PROCESS TO FILL CSC OPEN POSITIONS:

Members are in receipt of an updated chart of CSC positions.

Mr. Allen pointed out that he is a representative of District 2, not District 1. Ms. Sanford suggested that the column titled "Representing" be changed to "Appointed By" for more clarity.

Following discussion, Ms. Sanford moved to recategorize Mr. Allen to the District 2 seat, seconded by Mr. Davis. The Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion. (Ayes: Landau, Davis, Sanford, M. Allen, Duckwall. Nays: None.)

Co-Chair Powell joined the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Co-Chair Landau summarized the CSC appointments as follows:

- Mr. Davis was appointed by the District 1 representative.
- Mr. Allen was appointed by the District 2 representative.
- Ms. Allen was originally appointed by District 3 although she is now in District 4.
- Mr. Duckwall was appointed by the District 5 representative. He will continue to serve until his term expires on 12-31-14.
- Co-Chair Powell is an at-large member.
- Co-Chair Landau is an at-large member.

At the December 17, 2013 City Council meeting, John Kavanagh is expected to be appointed by Council Member Zach Matheny to represent District 3 and Steve Armstrong is expected to be appointed by Mayor Pro-Tem Yvonne Johnson to serve at-large. It was noted that the fourth at-large seat should be held by an individual under 30 years of age. The nine CSC seats consist of five district appointed seats and four at-large seats.

3) DISCUSS POTENTIAL CSC NON-VOTING MEMBER APPOINTMENTS:

Representatives from Duke Energy and Piedmont Natural Gas are available as advisors at the request of the CSC. Ms. Sanford indicated that TREBIC could provide an advisor from

the commercial sector when needed. Members were asked to think about potential advisors and new volunteers for subcommittees.

4) APPOINT SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Co-Chair Landau reviewed the structure of the three subcommittees. He asked Mr. Duckwall, Mr. Kavanagh, and Mr. Armstrong to identify the subcommittee they wish to serve on.

Mr. Armstrong plans to participate in the Environment/Place Subcommittee. Mr. Duckwall and Mr. Kavanagh indicated they will serve on the Economy/Prosperity Subcommittee. Members decided that subcommittee chairpersons should be chosen after the subcommittees have been formed and are underway.

5) CSC & SUBCOMMITTEES WORK PLAN FOR 2014:

Ms. Sanford suggested a possible activity for the Environment/Places Subcommittee. She indicated that a one million dollar housing bond was approved in 2008 but has never been issued. The bond can be used to promote successful homeownership and also to rehabilitate new and affordable housing programs to prevent deterioration of neighborhoods. Members discussed the possibility of using the bond to extend the Better Buildings program.

Members broke into the three subcommittee groups to develop details of their primary activity along with possible resources that can be used to achieve their goal and reported their results to the whole group.

Equity/People:

Activity: Trees and community gardens
 Timeline: The first half of 2014
 Resources: Mike Cusimano, City Urban Forester; Marsh Prause; Steve Windham; Karen Neill; Marianne LeGreco; and the NeighborWoods Program
 Outcomes: A consensus agreement with Duke Energy about tree maintenance; a City Ordinance Amendment regarding community gardens; and the creation of a community garden inventory

Environment/Place:

Activity: Monitor City energy usage
 Timeline: Unknown.
 Resources: Steve Randall, Bob Powell, and the previous template for City-wide audit.
 Outcomes: City monitors its usage and an updated City-wide baseline.

Activity: Adopting City Green Team
 Timeline: Four months
 Resources: --
 Outcomes: Designate department representatives to share best practices in terms of energy efficiency and spread usage incentives.

Activity: Use housing bond to extend Better Buildings Grant
 Timeline: As soon as possible
 Resources: Barbara Harris, Jim Westmoreland
 Outcomes: --

Activity: Bike Sharing Program
 Timeline: 2014
 Resources: --
 Outcomes: Implement bike sharing program, improving bike lanes and sidewalks

Economy/Prosperity:

Activity: Green Technology Forum
 Timeline: Fall of 2014
 Resources: Small business assistance groups, MegaWatt Ventures of Florida, files of Bill Barker, funding and contributions
 Outcomes: --

6) 2014 CSC MEETING SCHEDULE:

Co-Chair Powell felt that the next CSC meeting should be held on January 13, 2014 so that subcommittees can return with reports to facilitate a work plan that can be submitted for City Council's review at their upcoming retreat.

Ms. Sanford left the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

7) ITEMS FROM CO-CHAIRS: None.

8) ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS: None.

9) ITEMS FROM PUBLIC: None.

10) ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- **Update on Bike Sharing Task Force** - Mr. Sovich updated members on the November 19, 2013 Bike Share Task Force meeting. Highlights included a recap of an earlier panel discussion on bike sharing, the ongoing Feasibility Study for bike sharing, and results from an online survey to evaluate the level of interest for a bike sharing program. He indicated that most of the survey responses were very positive.

Mr. Sovich also stated that Bicycling In Greensboro and UNCG are jointly leading a team to prepare a proposal for hosting the 2014 North Carolina Bike Summit in Greensboro in early October. The full proposal must be submitted to the NC Active Transportation Alliance by December 31. NCATA will review proposals and select a host city in January, 2014.

11) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ABSENCES:

Mr. Davis moved to acknowledge the absence of Ms. Allen, seconded Mr. Allen. The Council voted unanimously 5-0 in favor of the motion. (Ayes: Landau, Powell, Davis, M. Allen, Duckwall. Nays: None.)

12) ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Group, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Landau
Co-Chairman

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