

GREENSBORO COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL
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Minutes, Regular Meeting

4pm, Monday, November 18, 2019
Plaza Level Conference Room
Melvin Municipal Office Building
300 West Washington Street

CSC Members Present:

Vicki Foust, Chair	Jacques Pierre	Nicole Gaines
Will Yearn, Vice Chair	Jonathan King	Susan Phillips
Sophia Dubrovsky	Veda Howell	

Staff and Others Present:

Jeff Sovich, Planning	Mallory Cerkleski, Guilford College
Dana Clukey, Planning	Jacquelyn Sullivan, Guilford College
Sergey Kobelev, Engineering & Inspections	William McNab, Guilford College
Margaret Rowlett, Greensboro Solar Power NOW & Greensboro Earth Quakers	Laura Oxner, Food Recovery: Rock & Wrap It Up!
Nelson Stover	Sean MacInnes, UNCG Sustainability
Raleigh Stout	

1. Chair Greeting / Welcome Visitors

Chair Foust called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm and welcomed visitors in attendance.

2. Approval of May 13 and September 9 Meeting Minutes

Chair Foust suggested changes to the minutes. Ms Phillips made the motion to approve the May minutes as corrected, Mr. Yearn seconded, and the CSC unanimously approved. Ms Phillips made the motion to approve to the September meetings as corrected, Ms Dubrovsky seconded the motion and the CSC unanimously approved.

3. Updates on LEED for Cities Public Meetings

Mr. Sovich gave an update on the meetings and plans to move forward on the LEED for Cities certification program. The City has submitted documentation that would score enough points to reach the Silver level of LEED certification. USGBC is currently reviewing the documentation materials and will provide feedback to the City in the near future. Chair Foust and the CSC thanked Jeff and other City staff for their work associated with the application.

4. Review of Responsible Business Awards

Chair Foust reviewed the standards associated with the following awards: Water Wise, Energy Wise, Waste Not, In Touch with Nature, Quality of Life and the Greensboro Community Sustainability Leadership. These awards would be open to non-profits and Universities. Ms Dubrovsky made the motion to accept the awards, Mr. Pierre seconded and the CSC unanimously agreed. The CSC made additions that the City Council directed

the CSC to develop the awards and that CSC will solicit sponsors. Mr. King made a motion to recommend the awards and standards to City Council with the additions stated, Ms Gaines seconded the motion and the CSC unanimously agreed.

5. Review of Strategic Energy Plan Recommendation

Chair Foust reviewed a draft memo concerning a Strategic Energy Plan. There were discussions related to adding a dashboard on progress, adding staff positions to oversee the development and implementation of an energy plan, ensuring a just transition for all, and adding education to engagement and outreach.

Break – At 5:15 pm, Chair Foust adjourned the meeting for a brief break. Chair Foust reconvened at 5:28 pm.

The CSC continued discussion on the Strategic Energy Plan, with the addition of a timeline for having a plan. Ms Phillips made the motion to recommend the memo concerning the Strategic Energy Plan, Mr. Pierre seconded the motion and the CSC unanimously agreed.

6. Update on CSC Members' Term Eligibility

Chair Foust asked Mr. Sovich to report back via email on term eligibility.

7. Discussion of Adding Secretary/Scribe Position to Council

Chair Foust suggested adding a Secretary/Scribe to the Council. The notes would not replace the City provided minutes, but would make the notes available immediately for CSC members, particularly to have the notes for work sessions.

8. Discussion of 2020 CSC Schedule

Chair Foust explained that March is needed as a work session for the Responsible Business Awards. January will also be a work session, while February will be a formal meeting. The meeting schedule for the remainder of the year will continue this alternating pattern. Vice Chair Yearns made a motion to approve the proposed schedule, Mr. King seconded and the CSC unanimously agreed.

9. Election of 2020 CSC Chair/Vice-Chair

Chair Foust, nominated to serve a second term as Chair, accepted the nomination. The CSC voted unanimously to re-elect Dr. Foust as Chair. Mr. Pierre was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair, which he accepted. The CSC voted unanimously to elect Mr. Pierre as Vice-Chair.

10. Acknowledgement of Absences

Chair Foust stated that there were no absences to excuse.

11. Incidental and Announcements

- Items from Chair – Chair Foust thanked the CSC for their work this year.
- Items from Vice-Chair – None.
- Items from CSC Members – Ms Gaines thanked the class from Guilford College for attending.
- Items from Public – Raleigh Stout asked if there was going to be a climate strike on December 6th.

- Items from Staff – Mr. Sovich will be in Atlanta for the remainder of the week, attending the USGBC's Green Build Conference.

12.Adjournment

Chair Foust adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.