

Burlington Renewable Energy and Conservation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes, 8:30am 2023-5-9, City Council Chambers

Present: Kjrsten Bobb, Jerry Parks, Dick Hoisington, DiAnne Lerud-Chubb, David Ure, Lynda Murray (non-quorum voting member), and Chad Bird (Staff Liaison, non-voting member).

5 of 9 quorum members are present. A quorum is present.

Jerry moved and David seconded to approve April 2023 minutes, with addition that free bread is also available at UCC Zion Church (in addition to the Methodist Church). Motion approved.

Old Business

Sustainable Schools:

- Dick and Kjrsten needed more time to contact potential new sponsors for next year.

Burlington Reusable Shopping Bag:

- Amy Moyner with Downtown Partners presented three options:
 - Option 1: plastic bag, able to print logo/motto on one side, cost \$5.30 each
 - Option 2: plastic bag, our message on one side, square format, \$3.65 each
 - Option 3: Jute tote bag, our message on one side, \$6.64 each
 - Downtown Partners recommends option 3.
 - Dick moved and DiAnne seconded for this committee to contribute up to \$500, to match \$500 contributed from Downtown Partners (DP), to purchase approximately 250 bags of option 2.
 - DP needs info from this committee:
 - Logo, QR code.
 - DP will determine graphics

Strategic Planning

- Suggestions:
 - Include Inflation Reduction Act as an Objective,
 - Align our monthly meeting Agenda with the Strategic Plan, and
 - Eliminate Public Works Building from our objectives (lighting already completed)
 - Additional discussion TABLED until a future date.

Improvement Activities:

- Fast Charging Stations- report pending from Jeff

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- David reported that users can call the 800 number that is posted at each charging station to report problems.
- David suggested that we post information about Burlington charging stations on our website. For example
 - Post a map of charging stations in the area, and
 - Post the 800 number for reporting problems.

Food Waste Update:

- Amy Moyner reported that Downtown Partners has established an objective for this year to reduce food insecurity in Burlington.

Keep Burlington Beautiful Committee- Earth Day update postponed (Tracy)

New Business

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 20, 2023, at Burlington Public Library. This meeting will serve as both our June and July meeting (no meeting scheduled for July). Next meeting (after June 20) is scheduled for August 8 at 8:30am in City Council Chambers.

Optional Tour of Stanley Center for Peace and Security (Living Building), 304 Iowa Avenue, Muscatine Iowa is scheduled for Wednesday June 28, 11a-12:30. Optional Lunch available following the tour, across the street at Boonies on the Avenue.

Dick moved and Lynda seconded to adjourn. Motion approved, meeting adjourned at 9:35a.

List of action items from this meeting:

Dick:

- Update Strategic plan
- Contact Great River Christian School RE Sustainable Schools

Kjrsten:

- Establish QR Code (AND LOGO?) for Renewable Energy and Conservation Advisory Committee,
- Contact Schools RE hosting Sustainable Schools:
 - Notre Dame
 - West Burlington

Minutes submitted by Dick Hoisington, Secretary