

Burlington Renewable Energy and Conservation (RenEnConse) Committee

Meeting Minutes, 8:30am 2023-3-14, City Council Chambers

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

Visitors: Brianne Sly, Steve Rowland

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

David moved and Jerry seconded to approve February 2023 minutes as written. Motion approved.

Strategic Plan

- Discussion centered around the simplified version of the strategic plan, revision D1 (first draft) dated 2-Sep-2021.
 - This draft was initially created to clearly identify ideas to consider for Job Focus of GIA Sustainable Schools Associates, from the viewpoint of RenEnConse, e.g. during the interview and employment process.
- The Committee discussed the Mission of RenEnConse.
 - Consensus was to modify the Mission statement as shown in italics below:
 - **The Mission of RenEnConse** is to promote energy conservation and the use of renewable energy sources throughout the greater Burlington area. This will be done through public education, advocacy and demonstration of sustainable strategies and technologies. *In its advisory capacity, the RenEnConse Committee will provide regular recommendations and updates to the City Council.*
- The Committee discussed the Vision of RenEnConse.
 - Consensus was to modify the Vision statement as shown in italics below:
 - **The long-range Vision of RenEnConse** is to promote national security, sustainability of energy sources, and reduction of accumulation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by:
 - Increased Recycling of economically feasible recycling streams (by x%).
 - Decreased Energy Consumption of non-renewable energy sources such as fossil fuels (by y%).
 - This Committee *will encourage the city of Burlington to consider triple bottom line decision making as a tool for comparing solutions to problems in a broader context of social, economic, and environmental*

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versus economic evaluation alone. For example, triple bottom line decision making should promote recycling, energy conservation, and increasing use of renewable energy sources as environmental factors are incorporated into the decision-making process, along with social impacts and economic impacts.

- Transition of the committee further toward the concept of sustainability.

Reference ISO 20121:2012 and ISO 37101:2016

- *Move this bullet to a reference section.*

- The Committee discussed the Guiding Principles of RenEnConse.
 - No changes were noted.
 - **Guiding Principles of RenEnConse** are to operate in an open, honest and forthright manner, relying on data to inform decisions, encouraging community input and Ad Hoc participation, while creating a culture that promotes enjoyment of the process, sociability and good humor.

Old Business

- None scheduled.

New Business

- Update on Keep Burlington Beautiful Committee was postponed due to Tracy Dunn's absence.

Dick moved and Jerry seconded to adjourn. Motion passed, adjourned at 9:45am.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2023, 8:30am at City Council Chambers.

Submitted by Dick Hoisington, Secretary