

DECORAH SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, March 18, 2019

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Decorah Sustainability Planning Committee (DSPC) was held on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 1:30 PM at the Decorah City Hall. The following members were present: Steve Luse, Michelle Barness, Scott Timm, Barbara Massman, Ross Hadley, Emily Neal and Sandra Clasen. The meeting was started by group consensus.

A general update was given by Ross Hadley, Steve Luse, and Emily Neal regarding the progress of the group thus far, including the recent visit by the UNI students visiting with the City of Decorah to help provide suggestions on a sustainability plan. Their initial focus areas were on: Transportation, Building Code, Trash & Recycling, and Housing.

The group has established data will be pulled from Carbon Emission data gathered, UNI student plans, Luther College Sustainability Center, and the STAR program which will help guide the plan DSPC will create.

Discussion was had regarding the visioning process, who and what should be included on those visioning meetings. Further discussion involved potential contacts within the community for business stakeholders, community outreach groups, and key departments within the City. No action was taken and it will be reevaluated at later meetings.

A visioning statement was discussed, but not adopted and committee will revisit the issue after discussion with community.

The committee elected Emily Neal as Chair Person, motioned by Ross Hadley, seconded by Steve Luse and voted unanimously in favor. The committee then elected Sandra Clasen as secretary, motioned by Ross Hadley, seconded by Barbara Massman, and voted unanimously in favor.

A meeting was set for Monday, March 25, 2019 at 1:30 PM in City Hall. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Submitted,

By: 
Sandra Clasen, Secretary