



Sustainability Committee Minutes  
Thursday, February 10, 2022  
8:00 A.M.

Via Zoom Conference Pursuant to Ordinance No. 22-02  
And Resolution No. 22-03, Enacted January 10, 2022

Members Present: Nancy Moore, Committee Chair, Council Member  
Sean P. Malone, Council Member  
Anne Williams, Council Member  
Julia Larouche, Citizen Member  
Norman Robbins, Citizen Member  
Jeff Isaacs, Ex Officio, Shaker Heights City School Board

Others Present: Jeri E. Chaikin, Chief Administrative Officer  
Michael Peters, Sustainability Coordinator  
Jonathon Keller, Shaker Heights Public Library

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Nancy Moore at 8:03 A.M. Jeff Isaacs was welcomed as a new Ex Officio member representing the Shaker Heights City School Board.

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**Approval of the January 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Anne Williams and seconded by Sean Malone that the minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting be approved as recorded; unanimously passed.

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**Renewal of Coventry Land contract for Sustainability Consulting Services**

The Administration recommended entering into a contract with Coventry Land Company LLC for sustainability consulting services. This would be a renewal of previous contracts and be in effect from March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023. Coventry fills the Sustainability Coordinator role for the City, which includes supporting the Sustainability Committee and its subcommittees and various City initiatives.

The contract amount of \$51,500 is included in the 2022 General Fund Budget.

The motion to approve was made by Sean Malone, seconded by Anne Williams, and passed unanimously. The matter will be referred to the Finance Committee.

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**Request for Additional Appropriation for Citizen-led Initiatives**

The Sustainability Committee, like the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, has subcommittees led by a Committee Member but composed primarily of residents (and some non-residents as the meetings are open to anyone). These subcommittees contribute to the Committee’s goals and shoulder a considerable amount of work, leveraging the efforts of the City and its staff.

The Sustainability budget for 2022 was approved at \$60,000 and includes the consulting contract for the City’s Sustainability Coordinator. The balance of the original budget supports software licenses, composting in City buildings (the fire stations and City Hall), and some of the costs of the electric vehicle chargers (although there is some revenue to offset these costs).

The additional allocation is requested to support the Committee and subcommittee work including matching funds for grants, the new electric vehicle chargers that NOACA is installing, various pilot programs, and the education and awareness efforts of all of the subcommittees.

The discussion was very supportive of these resident-led initiatives and it was noted that these relatively small sums are important to get various programs started. There is flexibility in the budget to allow for supporting successful programs and changing needs throughout the year.

The motion to advance this recommendation to the Finance Committee was made by Anne Williams, seconded by Norman Robbins, and passed unanimously.

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**2022 Committee Goals**

The Committee discussed its goals for 2022 both as a Committee and at the Subcommittee level.

The Committee goals include:

1. Community Choice Aggregation - create recommendation to potentially change aggregation program to a renewable generation opt-out program
2. Rooftop Solar - review options for rooftop solar on city facilities
3. Electric Vehicles - continue to transition the City fleet to electric vehicle fleet and increase electric vehicle charging stations
4. City Green Team - engage Green Team for updates and new ideas
5. Streetlights - continue to track developments and opportunities related to LED streetlights
6. Waste Diversion - track opportunities to reduce waste and better quantify the commercial waste generated in the City
7. Electric Landscape Equipment - coordinate with the Public Works Department to transition to electric landscape equipment and share learnings to encourage residents and landscape companies to phase out two-stroke equipment
8. Mobility Options - consider opportunities to encourage non-car transportation

Subcommittee goals are covered below.

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## Subcommittee Updates

### Stormwater & Greenspace (Julia Larouche)

- Grow Not Mow - continue popular program to identify, seek approval for, and designate City-owned/controlled sites for reduced mowing by Public Works; identify and secure grants and other funding for planting native trees and bushes.
- Certified Yard Habitat - collaborate with The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes to develop a complementary program to Grow Not Mow for residential properties. Assist with awareness and marketing of the program.
- Stormwater Code Revisions - provide comments on the revised ordinance when available.
- Positive Education and Messaging - increase awareness of more sustainable best management practices. Examples could include tree planting, transitioning to electric lawn care equipment, leave the leaves, etc.
- Composting - continue to work with and support composting programs in the City.

### Renewable Energy (Norman Robbins)

- Promoting Energy Conservation - increasing awareness and education around available programs and resources, including the Dominion home energy audit; increase the number of Shaker homes that conserve energy, especially low- and middle income homes, where lower energy bills would be appreciated
- Plan social media posts - on a range of sustainability topics - for throughout the year - create collection of social media posts for the City's Communications & Marketing Department, including potential text and pictures; for those that are time-specific or seasonal, indicate ideal distribution timeframe; this could also include participation at in-person events such as Touch a Truck
- Solar Education and Awareness - continue the subcommittee's efforts to promote solar for City residents through social media (e.g., Solar in Shaker facebook page) and events (e.g., Solar Tour); track number of solar applications
- Electric Vehicle Charging - continue to encourage and promote EV charging in the City to help residents' understand the benefits of driving EV (in addition to the benefits to the City such as better air quality and attracting EV drivers to City businesses).

### Shaker Youth LEEDs / High School Advisory Group (Shanna Keown)

- Host EcoChallenge - following up on the successful EcoChallenge from last year, the subcommittee is planning a second version for 2022
- Horseshoe Lake Planning - the subcommittee is following the design process for Horseshoe Lake and will contribute ideas and perspective from its members
- Supporting Sustainability Committee - the subcommittee is interested in supporting the work of the Committee and the other subcommittees in its work
- Recruiting Members - the subcommittee will recruit members from area high schools from various grade levels and transition leadership at the end of the academic year to leaders for the following year

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 A.M. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2022 at 8:00am.

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Michael Peters  
Sustainability Coordinator