SUSTAINABLE LA CROSSE COMMISSION
Thursday, July 25, 2013
City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room,
400 La Crosse St.
4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hampson, Marilyn Pedretti, Diane Wulf, Sara Sullivan, Wayne Olson, Dorothy Lenard
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rob Tyser
MEMBERS ABSENT: Jai Johnson, Dan Bagniewski,
OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Nichols, Amy Peterson, Glen Jenkins, Josh Martell, Shannon Havlik

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
   Chair Pedretti called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
   - Jenkins thanked the Commission for supporting the NW Institute.
   - Jenkins also talked with the Commission about EcoDistricts and how the framework could be supported by the Commission, the Neighborhood Revitalization Commission and others in the community.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF June 27, 2013
   - A correction to the minutes to list Wayne Olson as absent.
   - MOTION by Wulf/Olson to approve the minutes of June 27, 2013, as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

4. STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATIONAL UPDATES
   - Northwest Earth Institute and Fierce Green Fire – Nichols
   - Green Life Expo in Black River Falls – Nichols
   - Living Green Expo will be held October 19th this year at the La Crosse Center – Nichols
   - Paint recycling and product stewardship law passed in MN – add to next month’s agenda – Nichols

5. STYROFOAM DISCUSSION
   The County is looking to eliminate Styrofoam from County facilities. Staff has surveyed who is using Styrofoam and they will recommend alternatives at the August meeting.

6. UPDATE ON LA CROSSE TRIBUNE ARTICLES
   The process for reviewing draft articles has been shortened. Six to eight articles have been assigned; those will get drafted, edited, and then approved by Hampson. Hampson will talk with Chris at the Tribune to confirm availability.

7. DISCUSSION OF LONG RANGE PLANNING – IDEAS FOR FACILITATION AND PLAN MODIFICATIONS
   Lenard talked with Terry Gipps and he is interested in doing follow-up work with the Commission to see further investigate where the community and the Commission should go after five years. Lenard also discussed her vision of a focus for the Commission regarding watershed based sustainability
planning. She is most interested in Steve Apfelbaum’s work and envisions a National Conference here in the future on the topic.

The Commission needs to assess what it’s done, then decide where to go in the future. Staff has provided updates to the Plan and what is completed and will provide that information again for the next meeting.

The discussion turned to staffing the Commission, and the amount of staff the City and County provide to the sustainability effort. The County has a sustainability coordinator position, while the City only provides a small portion of time from the Planning Department staff.

**MOTION** by Hamspan/Wulf that the SLC recommends to the Mayor and the Common Council that the City consider a position for a Sustainability Coordinator in the upcoming budget process. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
   - EcoDistricts
   - Donation request policy discussion

9. **NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 22, 2013**

10. **MOTION** to adjourn by Wulf/Sullivan. **Motion carried unanimously.** Chair Pedretti adjourned the meeting at 5:27 PM.

Disclaimer: These minutes are draft and scheduled to be approved at the next meeting.