SUSTAINABLE LA CROSSE COMMISSION  
Thursday, January 21, 2016  
Administrative Center, Conf Room 3220, 400 N. 4th St.  
La Crosse, WI  
4:30 p.m.

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<th>MEMBERS PRESENT:</th>
<th>Mike Giese, Harvey Bertrand, Tom Thompson, Rob Tyser</th>
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<td>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</td>
<td>Dorothy Lenard, Martin Gaul</td>
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<td>MEMBERS ABSENT:</td>
<td>Keyla Rosa, Dave Niemi, Jai Johnson</td>
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<td>OTHERS PRESENT:</td>
<td>Steve O’Malley, Nick Nichols, Jim Speropulos, Alice Sorenson</td>
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CALL TO ORDER  
Chair Mike Giese called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. There was not a quorum present so action items will be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the Sustainable La Crosse Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STAFF REPORTS/INFORMATIONAL UPDATES  
Nick Nichols gave a summary of all the activities that took place at the Solid Waste Department during 2015.

Jim Speropulos, Facilities Director, updated on a grant the E3 Coalition secured to reduce energy and maintenance costs related to lighting. E3 performed a targeted energy audit specific to Lighting and Kitchen Ventilation in the following 3 facilities:

- Law Enforcement Center (LEC)
- Health and Human Services
- Hillview Health Care Center

Instead of trying to go for such a large project all at once, it was agreed to put together a project in a single location and focus on lighting. Because of the difficulty in access in the jail pods and long hours of use, the LEC location was chosen. The gross project cost is $130,165. E3 secured a $75,000 grant from WI State Energy Office for La Crosse County along with $20,932 from Focus on Energy. Out of pocket for La Crosse County will be approximately $34,000. It will be about a 1.2-1.4 year payback.

Steve O’Malley indicated that $100,000 of the Badger Coulee settlement money that was given to La Crosse County has been set aside in a separate line item for energy projects in 2016.

Jim Speropulos commented on the 3 constructions projects that are currently going on, i.e., LEC build-out which is complete; Health & Human Services; and Associated Bank Building. Along with the three projects, La Crosse County bid out the replacement of the Lot D parking lot in front of Health & Human Services and received bids for replacement of both regular asphalt and porous pavement surface. The Admin Center Downtown Campus Construction Committee asked for consideration of other options, i.e., under the pavement drainage system and bio-retention ponds.

The Creating Community Solar Gardens and Farms Program will be held on March 1, 2016, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Lunda Center, Western Technical College. The program is sponsored by 7 Rivers Alliance, Western Technical College, Dairyland Power Cooperative, and Excel Energy.
SUSTAINABILITY LA CROSSE INDICATORS REPORT: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE COMPOSED OF ROB TYSER, HARVEY BERTRAND AND TOM THOMPSON

Rob Tyser handed out the sustainability indicator recommendations that the subcommittee created and each recommendation was presented to the committee for discussion under the three categories:

- Annual Indicator Report Structure and Schedule (3 recommendations)
- Preparing/Funding the Annual Indicator (3 recommendations)
- Green Tier Legacy Community (2 recommendations)

There was committee consensus with all the recommendations and it is something that would require initiative by the Sustainability Commission itself and followed through by administration by both the City and County.

GREEN TIER LEGACY COMMUNITY PROGRAM: CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION FROM THE NOVEMBER 2015 COMMISSION MEETING

Jason Gilman, City of La Crosse, will report on this agenda item at the next scheduled meeting.

DISCUSS POTENTIAL COMMISSION ACTIONS AND PRIORITY OF GOALS

There has been a pattern of reciprocity whereby the Commission is hosted one year by the County and the next year by the City. The City will host the Commission in 2016. The staff person and Commission member representing the Mayor will be Jason Gilman.

There is a commitment to the recommendations that were brought forth by the subcommittee. There is consensus in having the Indicators Report institutionalized, produced on a shared basis between the County and the City, and producing it as an internal activity with shared expenses. There is advantage to focusing and promoting the Indicators Report on a regular basis so it has more leverage within the community.

MEETING SCHEDULE/NEXT MEETING DATE: February 18, 2016; the time will be moved to 5:00 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:33 P.M.

Disclaimer: This report may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting. Alice Sorenson, Recorder