Members Present:
Chair Rick Cornforth (arrived 4:59 p.m.), Cathy Van Maren, Kim Smith, Rick Diermeier, Carolyn Jenkins, Cinthia Shireman

Members Excused:
Mike Giese

Members Absent:
Justice Weaver

Others Present:
Nick Nichols, Lewis Kuhlman, Dorothy Leonard, Karl Green, Alice Sorenson

Call to Order
Rick Diermeier called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

Approve Minutes of the March 21, 2019 Sustainable La Crosse Commission:
Motion by Smith/Shireman to approve the minutes of March 21, 2019. Motion carried with two excused – Giese/Cornforth; one absent - Weaver.

Public Comment: None

Reports/Informational Updates:
- Lewis Kuhlman: The City’s Capital Improvement Program requests were due on Monday, April 15th. After review of some of the Mayor’s energy and environmental commitments, the City’s portion of the Sustainability Plan will now be framed as a Clean Energy and Climate Action Plan. The Sustainable Commission requests will be in the Capital Improvement Program and all committee members were sent an email on when the public hearing will be.
- Nick Nichols:
  - Earth Fair Marsh Clean-Up will be happening on April 27th, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. That is in partnership with Neighbors Day which is a program that is sponsored by the Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers will be helping different low income and elderly people in the community. 199 people are signed up to get assistance. 260 volunteers are committed and more are needed.
  - The Earth and Recycling Fair is Sunday, April 28th, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. There will be electronics recycling and confidential document destruction at the Emerson Elementary School that day. The Boy Scouts will be collecting scrap metal. Gundersen will be collecting child seats.

Update on Strategic Plan Rewrite – Nick Nichols/Charlie Handy
At the last meeting, the committee approved Charlie Handy to work on the rewrite of the Strategic Plan. Handy is requesting approval for his time and a line item in the budget from the County Administrator. An update will follow at the May meeting.

Discussion on Clean Energy Program to Follow Meeting – Cathy Vanmaren
The Clean Energy Forum will follow this meeting from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
DISCUSSION ON MAY WATER PROGRAM FOR MAY 16, 2019 – CYNTHIA SHIREMAN
The Water Program Forum is scheduled for May 16, 2019 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Basement Auditorium, Room 0430, La Crosse County Administrative Center. This public program will discuss issues related to ground and surface water quality in La Crosse County and surrounding areas. Proposed speakers and discussion topics are:

- Jennifer Rombalski, La Crosse County Health Department, will be speaking about nitrates in well water and the impact to health.
- Karl Green, UW Extension, talking about the La Crosse river water shed, nutrient credits and shoreline improvements.

DISCUSSION ON ATTENDANCE – RICK CORNFORTH
There is still one vacancy on the Sustainable La Crosse Commission for a County Community Representative. If anyone has any recommendations for a replacement, please contact Chair Cornforth.

There was discussion about having another auxiliary member (non-voting member) appointed to the Commission, possibly from the UW-L Sustainability Group, to join Dorothy Lenard.

SUSTAINABLE LA CROSSE COMMISSION VACANCY FOR COMMUNITY COUNTY REPRESENTATION – RICK CORNFORTH
See previous discussion on attendance.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 16, 2019, 4:30 p.m. with the Water Public Forum following at 5:30 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION by Shireman/Diermeier to adjourn. Motion carried with one excused – Giese; one absent - Weaver.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Approved May 16, 2019, Alice Sorenson, Recorder