CALL TO ORDER
Chair Cornforth called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2019 SUSTAINABLE LA CROSSE COMMISSION:
MOTION by Diermeier/Van Maren to approve the minutes of April 18, 2019.
Motion carried with one excused – Weaver.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Beth Piggush introduced herself as the new Integral Ecology Director for the Franciscan Sisters. Beth’s role is the Sustainability Coordinator working with St. Rose Convent in La Crosse, The Villa on St. Joseph’s Ridge and the Land Use Plans that are in place there.

REPORTS/INFORMATIONAL UPDATES:
- Chair Cornforth was contacted by a 6th grader from Onalaska asking about picking up litter along Highway 53 between Main Street and CTH OT. After reaching out to the Highway Department and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, he was informed that because that section of road is a 4-lane highway, you have to be 16 years of age to pick up litter on that highway. Chair Cornforth reached out to Adopt-a-Highway to see if there were any other roads in the County or Onalaska where the 6th graders could participate. Other options are being looked into as well.
- Nick Nichols stated that he was invited to give a presentation at the Green New Deal event on May 7, 2019. Nick and Roz Schnick will be meeting with the State Treasurer on Monday, May 20, 2019 to talk about the COWS Report, which is a report that talks about eliminating the state’s energy deficit.
- Cathy Van Maren indicated that Dairyland Power is planning to build a new gas fired generator and she has been contacted by the Sierra Club about coordinating letters to the PSC to ask them to build a renewable plant rather than the new gas plant. More information to follow as it is received.

NEW APPOINTMENT FROM CITY/COMMON COUNCIL (PENDING APPROVAL) – RICK CORNFORTH
Pending approval from the Common Council, the Sustainable La Crosse Commission will have a new city representative, Larry Slesnikow, beginning in June.
DISCUSSION ON OPEN COMMUNITY-COUNTY VACANCY – RICK CORNFORTH
Chair Cornforth asked for any updates on the open community-county vacancy for the commission. There were none. Any suggestions can be referred to the Chair.

RECAP OF READY FOR 100 – LEWIS KUHLMAN
Lewis Kuhlman updated on the Ready for 100 draft resolution. The City made some revisions and the draft was resent to the Energy Subcommittee for their review. The Energy Subcommittee felt the resolution was strengthened with the changes that were made and they were in support to go final with it. Kuhlman will submit the amendment to the legislative file.

INDICATORS REPORT UPDATE – RICK CORNFORTH
a. June Presentation: Anders Olson will be available in June to present the results of the Indicators Report to the Commission.

b. July City Council and County Presentations: In July, the report will be presented to the City of La Crosse and Onalaska’s Councils.

UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLAN REWRITE – CHARLIE HANDY
A staff level discussion was held with the County Administrator, Steve O’Malley, concerning the Strategic Plan rewrite. He was supportive of the County Planning Department putting this Strategic Plan for Sustainability into their work plan and doing a significant amount of the work. He was not supportive of paying a consultant to do a Plan. Also, he felt it was important to do some collaboration conferences, as was done in the past, to educate staff as well as the public on sustainability. If there are specific requests during the planning process for speakers, room rentals, etc., for these educational forums, a budget will need to be put together to request that specific amount of money for approval by the County Administrator and the County Board by July for the 2020 budget process. It will also be key to present the report before the Planning Resource & Development (PRD) Committee for land use and Public Works & Infrastructure (PWI) Committee for facilities. Discussion ensued.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 20, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
• Discussion on Strategic Plan Specific Budget Items
• Indicators Report
• Update on City Resolution Ready for 100

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION by Giese/Jenkins to adjourn. Motion carried with one excused – Weaver.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Approved June 20, 2019, Alice Sorenson, Recorder