

# Marine GreenStep City Committee

## Minutes – July 29, 2020

**Present:** Leslie MacKenzie, Gwen Roden, Kitsi Vadheim, Nancy Cosgriff, Peter Foster, John Goodfellow, Liz Kelly, Anne Reich, Juanita Ikuta, Kevin Hein, Mark and Patte Kraske

**Location:** Zoom

**Roles:** Facilitator: Leslie Mackenzie and Peter Foster; Time-keeper: Liz Kelly; Secretary: Mark Kraske

### AGENDA

15 min Check-in

15 min Review and discussion of results

15 min Projects to move forward

20 min Breakout groups to discuss the course of action, choose a group lead

10 min Report back

5 min Wrap up eval

### Review and discussion of results

Leslie reviewed/discussed the 3 tiers of workplans posted on the Marine GreenStep website. These have been reorganized to reflect the priorities the Council arrived at during the 6/24/20 Council-Committee workshop. Tier 1 workplans will be our focus at this time.

### Projects to move forward

Notes before breakout:

- **Dark Sky:** Residential and business lighting education is in scope; municipal lighting is out of scope. This project should be worked on now, when the weather is warm.
- **Rain Garden Maintenance** was approved by the Council but there are maintenance contracts still in place so this workplan can be placed on hold.
- **EV Charging:** Gwen said Lon Pardun had identified three potential parking spots for EV chargers. There are no city funds available for EV so the committee would provide real value if we could help obtain grant money.
- **Explorer's Club** is a large project that will take a lot of planning. Leslie suggested planning could take place in the fall or winter, with a possible launch next spring.

Each GS team member selected which plans they were most interested in working on. Top voted workplans were identified:

\*Become a Step 4 City – Kevin, Leslie, Anne

\*Septic Education – Kitsi and John

\*EV Charging – Anne, Leslie, Greg Johnson (not present)

\*Dark Sky – Gwen, Liz, Nancy, Juanita, Peter, Patte, Mark

Safe, Clean Water – Gwen, Liz, Nancy, Juanita, Peter, Patte, Mark – on hold

Explorer's Club – Peter, Nancy, Juanita – on hold

\*(Communications – Peter, Leslie, Liz)

### Breakout groups

Dark Sky and Step 4 City groups met in breakout rooms.

### Report back

Step 4

- Leslie will schedule a meeting with Kristin Mroz some time after August 10 to ensure everyone on the team understands the requirements and next steps.
- Leslie will review the application form for RETAP to initiative any additional audits of municipal buildings. (They are on hold at the moment but are accepting applications.)

### **Dark Sky**

- Group Lead: Mark Kraske
- Educating ourselves about the Dark Sky program is essential. Sharing information with community will be one of the outcomes.
- Creating a FAQ document might be helpful for the community. Look at zoning and ordinances. Note what we can control and what we can't (street, church, village).
- We need a measurement for Step 4. Possible measurements: How much lighting is used before and after a campaign (might be difficult). Communications could be a measurement (promote and inventory then identify outcomes).
- Volunteered initiatives:
  - Juanita – metrics
  - Liz – Works for the state and will research information. Infrastructure
  - Gwen – Will talk with the city on what is out of scope so it can be communicated.
  - Nancy and Peter – Will research Dark Sky to share with the team.
  - All team members can walk the community to see where there could be opportunities.

Notes:

Xcel is the utility provider.

Community Education – The Messenger, City website, Newsletter

NEXT Dark Sky Team Meeting

- Date: August 19, 2020 - 6:30 PM -- Location: Zoom

### **Wrap Up eval**

The meeting was productive, the breakout rooms worked well. The GreenSteps general committee will meet (approximately) quarterly and independent teams will schedule their own meetings, ideally monthly, and report in.

Teams are requested to send their minutes to Leslie.

### **NEXT GreenStep General Committee Meeting**

- Date: TBD (quarterly)
- Time: TBD
- Location: Zoom