

City of Greenfield, Massachusetts
Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)
Remote Meeting via Webex
Minutes
Thursday 4/23/2020, 5:00-6:30pm

Attending: Nancy Hazard, George Touloumtzis, Jay Lord, MJ Adams, Hannah Rechtschaffen, Carole Collins, Phil Elmer, Marlo Warner, Jacob Frank **Clerk:** Laurie DiDonato

Absent: Mike Pattavina, Tara Kurland

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes- MJ made a motion to approve the January minutes. George seconded. George suggested one minor edit. Motion passed. Phil and Jacob abstained. George made a motion to approve March minutes, MJ seconded. Nancy suggested an addition welcoming the two new members. Motion passed unanimously with Nancy's amendment.

Youth Engagement – Jacob commented on challenges youth are facing during pandemic due to school closures/isolation and feels now more than ever Greenfield needs to do a better job at engaging youth. A Youth Commission was created as part of the Master Plan implementation but does not seem very active. MJ will contact Commission member Penny Ricketts to find out what the Commission's plans are and if the SGIC can collaborate with them towards this goal. Specific challenges and ideas were discussed. An opportunity was identified around using the Master Plan to provide a platform for a positive post-COVID transition around these issues.

Volunteers – George looked into how residents can volunteer and found there is an online form that people can submit to the Mayor on the Mayor's office webpage. George suggested a list of vacancies would be helpful to include on the website. MJ will follow up with the Mayor's office to get this list.

SGIC – Downtown-

Hannah expressed her vision that the SGIC be a connector or touchpoint for all the groups that are involved in Downtown-related initiatives, to help direct and track progress in relation to the Master Plan. She proposed that a goal for SGIC be to create a comprehensive list of these groups, as well as a framework for information gathering so we are up to date on what is happening. There was agreement on this focus particularly during the pandemic when many things have slowed down. FRCOG might be a resource to help identify active groups that are Downtown-related.

Forum - The possibility of having a virtual forum in the fall was discussed. Options for how this would be accomplished will be investigated. It was suggested this be done in collaboration with the Youth Commission.

Master Plan Mining- Nancy and Jay would like to continue mining the Master Plan for accomplishments and goals. They will work next on the Natural, Historical and Cultural Resources chapter. It was suggested they also talk with committees/groups who might be working in these areas to see what is being done. Carole pointed out that for several years department budgets have been written through the framework of the Master Plan, and the Recreation department specifically did this very well, so past budget books are another potential resource.

Announcements- MJ announced there is a CDBG public hearing on Monday April 27th at 10 am.

Next meeting is May 28th. There was a request to use Zoom instead of Webex. Hannah has an account we can use. MJ will also look into a City Zoom account.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:29 pm