

1. Sustainability Commission Agenda

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CITY OF YPSILANTI
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Meeting Location:
Ypsilanti City Hall
1 S. Huron St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Emily Drennen	P	A
Nancy Heine	P	A
Natalie Sampson	P	A
Thomas McKee	P	A
Leah Vanlandingham	P	A
Brett Zeuner	P	A
Julia Bayha	P	A
Keith Michalowski	P	A
Thomas Kovacs	P	A

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE (3 minutes per individual)

V. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS (maximum of 10 minutes per presentation)

- A. Solar Ypsi presentation by Dave Strenski

VI. ACTIVE BUSINESS

- A. Sustainability Plan sub-committee update
- B. MGC Challenge sub-committee update
- C. Outreach sub-committee update
- D. Volunteer opportunities for the Commission update (Commissioner VanLandingham)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Water Street-International Village sustainability recommendations for Development Agreement (*to be discussed after Proposed Business*)

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE (3 minutes per individual)

IX. PROPOSED BUSINESS (for next meeting)

- A. Review the City of Ypsilanti recycling program
 - 1. Recommend a new location for the recycling drop off station
 - 2. Evaluate current recycling provider
 - 3. Consider policy for multi-unit apartment complexes recycling
- B. Peninsular Dam removal evaluation

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, November 6, 2017

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Solar Ypsi presentation homework

Here are some links to get the Commission up to speed before hand.

SolarYpsi.org/GoogleVideo.html

SolarYpsi.org/TEDxVideo.html

SolarYpsi.org/AerialVideos.html

SolarYpsi.org/HomePowerArticle.html

SolarYpsi.org/SolarTodayArticle.html

SolarYpsi.org/FireHouseArticle.html

SolarYpsi.org/SolSmartAward.html

Here's a report by Environment Michigan about solar in Ypsi.

<http://www.environmentmichigan.org/news/mie/new-report-outlines-vision-how-ypsilanti-can-become-%E2%80%99Csolar-destination%E2%80%99D>

Here's a Michigan Saves Clean Energy Report that includes Ypsi.

http://www.solarypsi.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Michigan_Clean_Energy_Report_A_Profile_of_Clean_Energy_Efforts_in_Seven_Michigan_Communities.pdf

Here's a video about a DoE Sun Shot project we're working on winning.

"Solar Destination Ypsilanti: Solar in Your Community Challenge"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9uY_CWpHYs

Attached below is a solar for low income homes projects I'm looking for funding.

Dear Solar Funder,

Solar power has been making great progress in the City of Ypsilanti. SolarYpsi is proud of helping make this happen, but we have realized that it is mostly being installed on middle-income households, non- profits, and commercial buildings. We would like to do something about this trend. We are seeking funds to spread solar power to 50 low-income homes. With the median household income in Ypsi being \$32,152, what better place to install solar power? We think it is the homes of people who can least afford it, but would benefit the most.

SolarYpsi has been talking to solar contractors and has a plan to install small 3kW solar installations on 50 low-income homes in either the [Neighborhood Enterprise Zone](#) or [Ward 1](#), which has the highest density of low-income homes in Ypsilanti.

By having 50 or more solar installations going on in a concentrated area of the city, contractors can lower their installation cost by having many jobs close together. We have a plan to make this happen for under \$300k—even less if we can leverage the 30% Federal Renewable Energy Tax Credit. Please let us know if you can help us with our goal or give us an introduction to other philanthropic people or organizations that would be willing to fund solar power for low income homes.

Ypsilanti has made some serious progress with solar power. Here is a list of videos and articles about our work so far:

<http://SolarYpsi.org/GoogleVideo.html> <http://SolarYpsi.org/TEDxVideo.html>

<http://SolarYpsi.org/AerialVideos.html> <http://SolarYpsi.org/HomePowerArticle.html>

<http://SolarYpsi.org/SolarTodayArticle.html> <http://SolarYpsi.org/FireHouseArticle.html>

<http://SolarYpsi.org/SolSmartAward.html>

*Thank you,
Dave Strenski
Dave@Strenski.com
734-383-9077*

Sustainability Plan Sub-committee report

For the Sustainability commission subcommittee report I would like to say that the following working definition of sustainability was positively received by another group of about a half dozen new attendees:

Achieving a balance of ecological, social, and economic considerations to provide for an equitable path for the growth and improvement of our community in the uses of our resources, remaining conscious of the historical context, while ensuring the availability and vitality of those resources for future generations.

We would like to call for a vote to adopt this as the commission's working definition of sustainability and then add this to our website.

Goal: Develop a Table of Contents

- Identify Themes in 40+ Sustainability Plans
 - o Use Google Sheet to organize feedback on plans and to “sign up” for plans
 - o Identify more cities, both globally and locally, that are comparable to Ypsilanti (based on various criteria/commonalities like “Rust Belt” cities)
 - o Make sure to look for themes of gentrification, social sustainability, brownfield redevelopment, legacy contamination
- Compile and Synthesize Ypsilanti’s Current City Plans
 - o Check Erica’s G-drive for resources
 - o Examine what Ann Arbor did with their city plans in relationship to their sustainability framework; how were they incorporated?

Outreach Meeting - 2017-09-14

- Ideas -

1. Grant research and application
2. Facebook page
3. Add mailing list to city website (Google groups join box)
4. Establish a "Google Guides" Meetup for Ypsilanti
5. Community Polls
6. Listing of active Ypsilanti groups
7. Community building meetups (volunteer, cards, discussions, hikes, potluck, etc.)
8. Commission volunteering locally
9. Local business showcase articles
10. Meetings at local businesses potentially with presentations from the owners
11. A paper suggestion box
12. Build a network of neighborhood representatives*