

Nyack Sustainability Committee Meeting Agenda

September 9, 2021

Attending: Steve Cea, Janine Reiman, Joel Newton, Lorien Barlow, Rosemary Farrell, Dave Zornow.

Committee Communications and Outreach

A discussion about how to become more effective as a committee centered on community outreach methods, plans for engaging the leadership, and the organization of the committee. Janine suggested reading *Making Sustainability Stick*, which is part of her curriculum in the Bard College Sustainability program, possibly rotating the leadership among members, and refining our team. Lorien wondered how other similar committees function. Marcy described what she knows about Climate Smart Committees in other communities--that is common to have a few people who do a lot of the work and others who contribute mostly to discussion. Ultimately the general consensus was that working on projects as subcommittees as we have begun to do will be the best way to build grassroots awareness and Village support depending on the nature of the project. Some projects need to be brought to the administrator and Village Board. Some are more about community awareness and education. **ADDITIONAL NOTE:** Sustainability committees have a special challenge because they include so many topics under one umbrella. So building a larger committee with definite subcommittees is a good goal.

GHGI and Climate Action Plan

Steve and Marcy will complete the inventory with the exception of collecting data on employee commutes, which will need permission from the Village. The goal is to present at a workshop before Thanksgiving. With support from ICLEI we would present a final GHG inventory report, emissions forecast of change to 2050 for the Village, a science-based 2030 target for Nyack, and a set of high-impact actions for Nyack to reach its 2030 goal.

Complete Streets Marcy suggested a goal of arranging a meeting with James Slaughter, Dave Zornow, and some Tree Committee members, for a discussion of overlapping issues related to trees, sidewalks, streets and roads.

Ecological Landscape Management and Leaf Blowers Lorien, Joel, and Janine are working on three presentation/discussions that will be held at the library on Oct 6, Oct. 21, and Nov. 17. They will provide a recorded preview to the committee for feedback around Sept. 23.

Clean Energy Communities-- The LED streetlights will be installed soon, and with that the Village will have enough points to submit for a \$10,000 grant in the CEC program. There are preapproved types (such as solar installations, energy efficiency upgrades, electric vehicles) and custom projects. Marcy will flesh out a list of possibilities and plan to discuss with James.

Green Concrete Marcy briefly contacted Mayor Kohut in Haverstraw Supervisors Hoehman and Kenny about the Hasting Concrete Mix several months ago. She will ask James about the

possibility of having Nyack host a meeting of local municipal leaders to learn about this in January(?) with a presentation by Hastings Mayor Armicost and others.

No Turn on Red and Anti-Idling

Brief discussion of how no-turn-on red signs in the village cause more idling and may not improve safety. This topic should be considered in developing recommendations in a climate action plan.