Sustainability Charter Committee

Thursday, September 7

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**Suite 1650, University Capitol Centre**

(Office of Sustainability)

AGENDA

1. Call to order –Brian Thompson and Ty Priest, Co-chairs
2. Brenda Nations, Iowa City Sustainability Coordinator
3. Erin Hazen, Renewable Energy Business Development Manager
4. Next meeting and adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS/LIAISONS PRESENT: Don Guckert, Ty Priest, Brian Thompson, Jennifer Thompson, Ioannis Koutsonikolis, Krista Osadchuk, Ashleigh Wallace, Matthieu Biger, Blake Rupe, Heather Sander, Sophie Coker Gunnick, Krista Osadchuk, Deb Tiemens, Rich Hichwa, Sara Maples

OTHERS PRESENT: Eden Dewald, Erin Hazen, Brenda Nations, Noel Mills

Brenda Nations – Iowa City Sustainability

Brenda gave some background on sustainability efforts in Iowa City. Her position began before the flood in 2008. A few key points:

* Iowa City was the first city in Iowa to have a Greenhouse Gas Inventory.
* City Council has created climate targets in response to the Paris Climate Agreement. Based on 2015 inventory data, the Iowa City is on track to meet targets.
* A Climate Action Committee formed to represent stakeholders from around the community related to climate. Eden Dewald (student), Ingrid Anderson (staff/chair of committee), and Eric Tate (faculty) are all representatives from the University of Iowa.
* City emits 5% of emissions compared to the rest of the community. Looking at 95% responsibility non-city emissions. The city is working on a volunteer cooperative program.
* Iowa City is working with Mid-American to better understand how they will report and retire renewable energy credits.
* The City is working on developing a complete planet footprint number.

Erin Hazen – Renewable Fuel Program

Erin presented on the renewable fuel program at the University of Iowa. The UI has been working with IEDA regularly and is focused on biogas and biofuel. Erin provided background and also goals for the UI moving forward (presentation attached).

Student Projects

A number of student projects were identified:

* Noel Mills discussed composting efforts in sorority and fraternity life.
* Krista Osadchuck discussed efforts to pilot energy reduction efforts in labs around campus. She is starting with the biology building. Hope to go campus-wide next semester.
* Sophie Coker Gunnick provided an update on the student garden.

Next Meeting

Possible agenda items include:

* Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities
* Update/information on the theme semester
* Prepare for visit from President Harreld and Provost Curry

NEXT MEETING: October 5, 2017

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