

Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 21, 2022

Chairperson Kathi Caccavale called the meeting to order at 1:08 P.M.

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT:

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting of the Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee (SMAC) was provided by transmitting a copy of the meeting notice to the Madison Eagle and Morris County Daily Record, posting a copy on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the Hartley Dodge Memorial, and filing a copy in the office of the Clerk. This notice was made available to members of the general public.”

The following members acknowledged their presence:

Kathleen Caccavale, Chairperson/Regular Member

Peter Fried, Resident/Regular Member

Mary Ellen Hennessy-Jones, Resident/Regular Member

Lisa Jordan, Resident/Regular Member

Angelique Devost, Resident/Regular Member

Rachel Ehrlich, Borough Council Liaison/Regular Member

Guests:

Absent:

Pamela Hogan, Resident/Regular Member

Deanna Schmidt, Resident/Regular Member

Grace Kim, BOE liaison

February minutes were approved.

It was decided that Mary Ellen will chair April's meeting. Lisa will chair the May meeting, though attendance may be low at that meeting.

Events: EV Expo 4/19, 2-5pm (Sunday Motorway Cafe, Kings Road closed for the event; bring camera and take photos!), Home Energy Forum 4/20, 7-9pm (Rose Hall), Green & Clean, 4/29, 9-3, Waverly Place, Sustainability Summit, May 5, 9-4, Bell Works, Holmdel

Rachel provided a Borough Council update. It's budget season, the fifth presentation was shared at the March 12th meeting. All materials are available at Rosenet.org. The administration has requested a 2 percent property tax increase (equivalent to the \$5.50/month for the average home). The Dodge Field playground project is moving forward. Kathi asked

about the gazebo top, and if it might be reused elsewhere, and how she can learn about recycling or waste diversion of materials. Bob Vogel would be the contact for more information. Sustainability with schools was discussed.

Action Item: Peter will correspond with Grace Kim and Steve Tindell, calling for a meeting to discuss solar panel possibilities with school representatives. He will report back to this meeting on the results.

Kathi shared branding and images prepared by Michael for the Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee. We reviewed the signup sheet for upcoming events. We reviewed volunteer positions and roles at April events. We discussed attending the Sustainability Summit on May 5. On March 29th, there is a Vision Zero meeting, 12-1pm (online).

We reviewed actions on the 2023 Sustainable Jersey Master Action Tracking Sheet.

Action Plan Update: Community Equity and Diversity Action Plan

The Community Equity and Diversity Action Plan is on target. Demographics and mapping is completed. The next objective is group work utilizing the gathered information to characterize diversity in Madison for use by the municipal government. Members of the newly formed Diversity Committee meet many of the desired community representatives, however, we will be reaching out to other community leaders as recommended by Sustainable NJ, including schools, religious institutions and community organizations. Once the full group is organized a meeting date will be established probably in April.

Sustainable New Jersey/PSEG Foundation Municipal Grant Proposals Update
Project Title: Bike Racks for Parks Along Designated Bike Routes Application for \$2,000
Project Title: Madison Borough Green Infrastructure Planning and Implementation for \$20,000

Second stage of the proposal applications required Borough Resolution submitted February 24, 2023 prior to the March deadline. Determination due early April 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Hogan, Regular Member SMAC and Lisa Jordan, Regular Member SMAC

Rolling action items are as follows:

Action Item: Peter Fried would like information on upcoming events in order to share information to the *Madison Eagle*. Jersey Green column volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis.

The next SMAC meeting will be on Tuesday, [April 18](#) at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 P.M.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Jordan.