

VOL CSC-CEC Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 06/16/2022 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Ronny Hardaway, Carolyn Greenway, Lynn Leopold, Gina Cassidy, and Rachel Zevin

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Hardaway introduced Carolyn Greenwald as a new CSC-CEC Task Force member to Cassidy and Zevin.

CSC Actions

PE5 Actions Status

- Recycling Bins in Government Buildings – Hardaway reported that this action item is in work.
- Hardaway reported that the following action items were on hold until assignment of new action leaders: Construction & Demolition Waste Policy and Waste Reduction Education Campaign.
- Residential Organic Waste Program (Leopold) – Hardaway reported that this action was on hold temporarily.

PE6 Actions Status

- Unified Solar Permit – Greenwald volunteered to guide this action item and work with Mike Scott on the USP for the Village.
 - Hardaway shared the Village's CSC web page for Greenwald's benefit.
 - Zevin described the CSC bronze-level requirements.
 - Cassidy reported that CEC grants were also be available to the Village as we pursue CSC bronze-level.
- Greenwald asked about the most important actions. Hardaway explained that the CSC Task Force filtered the CSC pledge elements and action items to identify and prioritize what actions would be best for the Village.
- Planning & Infrastructure for Bicycling & Walking –
 - Greenwald initiated a discussion about bicycling-related action items. She mentioned how roadway paints could help with cycling safety. Hardaway shared the online Ithaca/Tompkins County Bike Map.
- Lynn Leopold joined the Zoom meeting at 6:31 PM
- Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements – Hardaway reported that he submitted documentation to NYSERDA.

- Alternative-fuel Infrastructure – Hardaway reported that TCCOG is considering a shared service to standardize charging stations so that they look and behave the same. Village parks and campus are possible locations for EV charging stations. Leopold stated that it would be nice to have a county map of charging station locations. Greenwald asked if the Village should look at requiring charging stations in large business parking lots.
- Natural Resources Inventory – Zevin gave a status report on the NRI progress. An outline of sections has been created and Zevin is beginning to populate the document with maps. Zevin requested Village resources to be included in the NRI.

CEC Planning (with Gina Cassidy)

- **Clean Energy Communities Points Estimator**
 - Hardaway reported that the Village has received the CEC \$5,000 designation grant on Tuesday, June 14th.
- Hardaway also reported the following:
- **Unified Solar Permit**
 - (see CSC actions comments)
- **Energy Code Enforcement Training**
 - NYSERDA accepted the Village’s submitted documentation
- **Climate Smart Communities Certification – Bronze**
 - In process
- **LED Street Lights - Cobra Head Street Lights**
 - NYSERDA accepted the Village’s submitted documentation
- **LED Street Lights - Decorative Street Lights**
 - NYSERDA accepted the Village’s submitted documentation
- **Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings**
 - Rejected by NYSERDA, but not worth pursuing at this time.
- **Benchmarking - Advanced Reporting**
 - NYSERDA accepted the Village’s submitted documentation
- **NYStretch Energy Code**
 - Under consideration for early adoption
- **Community Campaigns - Community Solar**
 - Cassidy helping with a campaign for the Village.
- **Community Campaigns - Clean Heating and Cooling and Energy Efficiency**
 - Cassidy helping with this campaign, also.

Additional Topics

- Greenwald about meeting schedules. Hardaway provided details.

Discuss Future Meetings

- Future meetings will continue to be hybrid meetings. A quorum of voting members must attend in person at the Village Hall. Other attendees may join remotely or in person.

CEC Points Estimator Spreadsheet

- Cassidy presented the CEC points estimator spreadsheet for the Village.
- Cassidy reported that Lisa Marshall is leaving the HeatSmart program.

Leopold reported on status of reuse and recycling efforts in Tompkins County.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.