

Sustainability Advisory Committee
Minutes of Jan. 5, 2023 Meeting

Attending: A quorum was present, with the following in attendance.

<u>Appointed Members</u>	<u>City Officials</u>
Daniel Kirk-Davidoff (chair)	Frank Zeoli
David Hochfelder (recording)	Joseph Coffey
Scott Kellogg	Poulomi Sen
Andre Lake	Michelle Rogat
Tina Lieberman	Jason West
Violetta DeRosa	Bill Trudeau
	Randy Milano
	Emma Morse
	Chris Cech (non-voting)

Regular Business

- Daniel Kirk-Davidoff called the meeting to order at 6:07.
- Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the Dec. 1, 2022 meeting.
- No public comments were offered.

New Business

- Motion to approve Memo on Climate Plan Recommendation Process. Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee unanimously approved the memo.
- Motion to approve Letter to Governor Hochul in support of the Bigger Better Bottle Bill. No vote was taken, but the Committee passed the document on for review by the Department of General Services and Corporation Counsel. Several members expressed hope that the letter would arrive at the Governor's office in time for her to include it in her proposed budget and budget message.
- Posting for interns wanted. The Committee discussed particular needs for interns, and how to obtain them from area colleges.
- Preparations for Sustainability Tent at Tulip Fest. The Committee discussed the nature and location of the Sustainability Tent.
 - Some members noted that the location of the tent last year was not very visible, which lowered attendance by the public.
 - Members noted that this is the 75th Tulip Fest and that Albany's sister city in the Netherlands, Nijmegen, will be sending representatives, and that Nijmegen has an excellent sustainability track record.
 - Some members suggested that anyone interested in helping with preparations should meet in the near future.

- Annual Review Status. Daniel Kirk-Davidoff reported that Gabriella Cebada Mora will shortly complete the 2021 annual review for transmittal to the Mayor and Common Council.
- Q&A for Department and Subcommittee Heads on Basis of their Submitted Reports. Some discussion took place on these reports.
- Proposed Revised Law. Since this item was not on the meeting agenda, no vote was taken on this matter. A vote will likely occur during the Feb. 2023 meeting.

Upcoming Events, calls for Volunteers, call for new Members.

- Committee members discussed the need for volunteers on subcommittees, and the relationship between subcommittees and the Sustainability Advisory Committee generally.
- A discussion took place about the relative merits of standing subcommittees and ad-hoc, task-oriented subcommittees.
- The Committee discussed the relative merits of the SAC meeting monthly or every two months, with alternate months set aside for subcommittee meetings.
- Some members suggested that presentations at neighborhood associations might generate more volunteers.

Upon motion duly seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:20 PM.

The next SAC meeting is Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Hochfelder