

Commission on Sustainability



MICHIGAN CITY INDIANA

Thursday, December 9, 2021, 5:30 pm
City Hall, EOC Room (downstairs across from Council Chambers)
Minutes

Chair Nancy Moldenhauer brought the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- I Roll Call: Present: Angela Reynolds, Bailey Chavis, Nancy Moldenhauer, Andie Jahnz-Davis, Faye Moore, Tristan Bogart, Tim Bauer, Phil Kohler, Daisy Lee. A quorum was present. Bryant Dabney, City Council Liaison.
Absent: Clarence Hulse
Excused: La'Tonya Troutman, Laura Henderson
- II Approval of Minutes, August 12 and October 13, 2021, plus All Votes Taken During Zoom Pandemic Meetings:
Daisy Lee moved and Phil Kohler seconded for approval of August 12, 2021 minutes. Approval was unanimous.
Tim Bauer moved and Daisy Lee seconded for approval of October 18, 2021 minutes with addition requested by Faye Moore to add the unit number 3061 specifying the LaPorte County branch of NAACP. Approval of minutes with addition was unanimous.
Phil Kohler moved and Tim Bauer seconded for approval of all votes taken during zoom meetings necessitated by Covid 19 during 2021. Approval was unanimous.
- III Approval of appointment of Mary Cate Neary to the Marquette High School Commissioner position as her Principal Casey Martin has recommended her: Andie Jahnz-Davis moved and Daisy Lee seconded that we accept the appointment of Mary Cate Neary as recommended by Marquette High School Principal Casey Martin. Approval was unanimous.
- IV Project Teams
 - A **Solar United Neighbors (SUN)**— [Have 37 interested individuals (one is a building owner in the Uptown Arts District) signed up in the FREE cooperative. Ten are in Michigan City. Satellite review and solar energy systems installer visit completed on 26. Site visit scheduled for 6. Opportunity lost on 5. Solar Energy Systems out of Nappanee was chosen as the installer by cooperative members who volunteered to select. Kindly help spread the word and let your family, friends, neighbors, organizations, and communities in LaPorte, Porter, and Lake Counties know about this opportunity for FREE cooperative membership with DISCOUNTED equipment and COORDINATED installation. Enrollment will go through the end of February. Flyers were mailed in all Michigan City Water Department bills in December. Let Nancy know if you'd like a sign to display in your yard!]
<https://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/indiana/> ; <https://www.solarunitedneighbors.org/indiana/go-solar/>
 - B **Indiana University Resilience Cohort for SolSmart Designation & Electric Vehicle Charging Station Plan**—Laura Henderson, Tristan Bogart, & Nancy Moldenhauer [How close are we to Silver Designation? Require a couple of documents signed by our MC Planning and Inspection Department then the Solar Landing site will need to be set up on the Michigan City Government website. In addition, we were chosen by the U.S. Department of Energy to have a further conversation including Ed Shinn, Superintendent of MC Parks and Recreation Department, for a FREE assessment and research for electric vehicle chargers, electronic device chargers, and

solar array installation at Washington Park, Beach, and Zoo with one or two cities to be chosen in Indiana. We would then have a plan to submit for future and potential green energy funding being provided by the Federal Government.]

C **Carbon Neutral Indiana (CNI)**—Nancy Moldenhauer, Andie Jahnz-Davis, Laura Henderson, & Daisy Lee [We have partnered with Larry Zimmer, MC Planning Commission President, to have a "friendly competition" between Tryon Farms, Shoreland Hills, and other neighborhood associations this fall-winter for subscribers. Who needs to reschedule an assessment or get an update with Daniel Poynter, Founder of CNI?] <https://www.carbonneutralindiana.org/> ; <https://www.facebook.com/carbonneutralindiana>

V Commission Comments: Faye Moore mentioned the Celebrating Naomi Anderson. Naomi Anderson was an African-American writer and suffragist from Michigan City who toured with Susan B. Anthony, well-known in her own time but lost to history, and now her memory is being revived by this Project Team with information, education, and a sculpture to be placed in Wescott Park.

VI Public Comments: None

VII Announcements: Bailey Chavis spoke about Michigan City Student Council having a can drive at Ames Field, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, for the food pantry at the Salvation Army. Nancy Moldenhauer added that the Salvation Army has been have difficulty getting bell ringers, so anyone interested can apply for either a volunteer or a paid position as a bell ringer.

VIII Adjournment: Daisy Lee moved and Tim Bauer seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved. Chair Nancy Moldenhauer adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Henderson, Secretary