

Energy Subcommittee Meeting at Nettles Parks and Recreation Bldg

Minutes 2/4/25 Began 4:00pm

Attending: Eunice Lehmacher (chair), Robert Fennell, Cynthia Hekking

Agenda: 1. Discuss Energy Efficiency as it relates to City practices, buildings and residents.
2. Create long, medium and short term goals

1. City Buildings

Discussion of Project Development agreement between the City of Clemson and GRP Wegman. Study result was that more studies need to be completed.

The short term goal was determined to be to bring a proposal to the Sustainability Committee/ City Council. The following was developed...

"I move that the City of Clemson hire a company to do an Energy assessment of all buildings owned and utilized by the city. This assessment would include a cost benefit analysis of energy, and therefore, money saving opportunities."

Mid term goals discussed were a possible Sustainability budget in the future to fund future changes. Research needs to be done to determine where money is available. This budget would be used to augment other budget items (ie HVAC) to help purchase more energy efficient options.

Long term goal would be to spend the budget effectively

2. City Practices/Services

Goal is to encourage remote work and meetings. Remote work and meetings are more energy efficient. Eunice will research why this is currently not permitted.

Subcommittees should be able to meet remotely, if publicly announced and recorded for public review.

City employees should be encouraged to work from home where possible to increase employee satisfaction, reduce energy use and reduce traffic.

3. Residents

Goal is to get information to residents...

Sustainable Energy fair, Festival set up "kit"

SE tips in Community Newsletter

Availability of Duke Energy Free Energy Audit

Develop ways to educate residents about energy efficient appliances

Increase awareness about composting

Support Electric Car Charging Stations

Look into requirement for new apartment/condo developments to bike racks and car charging stations with a minimum of "1 station for every 20 bedrooms" for example.

Look into a Tesla fast chargers for students and inbound travelers (think home games)

Next Meeting to be held 2/25 4pm @ Nettles Park

Meeting Adjourned 5:00pm

