Meeting Minutes
SUSTAINABILITY TEAM MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025
7:00PM
MEETING ROOM 3

1. **Call to Order** as of 7:06PM by Tanya Bourgoin
   In attendance (in person): Ms. Tanya Bourgoin, Ms. Amalia Shaltiel, Mr. Jesse Scott, Ms. Amber McDonnell. Virtual attendees: Ms. Nora Myers, Ms. Cynthia Deming, Mr. David Oakes. Guest attendee: Mr. Mark Scully (PACE)
2. **Approval of Agenda**. Motion by Ms. Shaltiel, Mr. Scott second. All in favor.
3. **Approval of November meeting minutes**. Motion by Mr. Scott, Ms. Shaltiel second. Nothing to add/discuss. All in favor.
4. **Co-Chair Reports**
   - Ms. Bourgoin: someone inquired about composting bags. We are out. Amalia to post about this on Sustainability FB page.
   - Ms. Shaltiel: we have reserved 2-hour time block at the grange each month for Community Conversations, Repair Café has also been reserved for March and September. Some ideas for community sustainability conversations: recycling and composting in the schools, expanding the pollinator gardens to another space at the elementary school, an outdoor space for kids and families through unconventional ways? First conversation **this Saturday 2PM-4PM**. **Attendance is encouraged.** A meeting of RiverCOG Sustainability Teams on 2/4 re: HeatSmart.
5. **Membership** – with much regret, Ms. Terri Garrity has formally resigned, approved by BOS this past Wednesday. There are now two vacancies to be filled. Ms. McDonnell suggested including high school students for fresh perspective; Ms. Bourgoin to look into the legality of this (underage, cannot vote).
6. **Team Reports:**
   i) Guest attendee: Mr. Mark Scully of People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE)
   PACE's mission is to show the way to clean energy. (Ask if he can provide his powerpoint deck to share with these minutes) PACE administers the HeatSmart program. First step with anything is energy efficiency. Second, electrify. Third, clean up the grid with clean renewables. The grid is currently powered with 26% nuclear, 50% natural gas, increasingly solar and some offshore wind. PACE believes we can meet our needs with solar and offshore wind. Nuclear would take too long and cost too much. **"Heat pumps are more efficient because they don't create heat, they move it around."** We will schedule another visit with Mark to work on an energy plan. Go to PACE website for plan templates: https://www.pacecleanenergy.org/energy-plan Ms. Bourgoin and Ms. Shaltiel to send Mr. Scully the energy benchmarking that has already been done.
7. **New Business**
   a. **4th annual Spring Fling at Machimoodus– Sunday 3/23, attendance is encouraged**

Other agenda items were postponed to next month's meeting as they were not urgent and team members had to leave so we no loner had quorum.

10. Next meeting February 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm
11. Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Scott, Ms. Shaltiel second, adjourned as of 8:53PM.