

## **Sustainability Working Group (SWG) (Revised 2/20/23)**

**Minutes:** January 24, 2023 (Teams)

Attending: Ralph Harder (recorder)

Sharon Benoit

Ben Lounsbury

Excused: Silver Moore-Leamon

Tim MacLeod

Camille Parrish

Staff: Derek Boulanger - SWG liaison, City of Auburn

Jonathan LaBonte - Transportation Systems Analyst, City of Auburn

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **1. Welcome New Member**

Ben Lounsbury Joins the group. Interests include recycling and mitigating climate change.

#### **2. EV Charging Stations**

Jonathan presented proposed follow-up steps to the Bates student research on EV chargers. (see his memo SWG e-mail 1/24/23)

1. State-level alternative fuel corridors
2. EV charging as a condition of site plan review
3. Further expanding the city's EV fleet
4. Establishing a three-tier system of priorities for EV chargers in Auburn

The group discussed and endorsed this approach. With respect to funding these activities, the group recommends that the SNRB propose to City Council that Capital Improvement contingency matching funds be budgeted this cycle should the city receive EV charging grants at the federal or state level.

#### **3. Community Resilience Partnership**

a. Work groups are asked to review the list of proposed projects for this grant program and forward project suggestions to SNRB for consideration by City Manager.

**4. Recycling/Composting/Solid Waste Contract.**

a. Group would like involvement in current program review as part of ongoing budget sessions. Will ask SNRB to make this request to City Manager

b. Ben will contract Denis D'Auteuil, Director of Public Works for updated Auburn recycling rates.

**5. SNRB**

a. Group updated on status of response to City Council resolve on AGRP zone change.

**2023 Meeting Dates:**

January 24th

February 28th

March 28th

April 25th

May 23rd

June 27th

July 25th

August 22nd

September 26th

October 24th

November 28th

December none