Sustainability Charter Committee

Friday, November 21, 2014

1:30 PM

 University Services Building Room 202

AGENDA

1. Call to order – Art Bettis and Brian Thompson, Co-chairs
2. University of Iowa Bicycle Master Plan (draft)
3. Iowa City People’s Climate March Demands
4. Office Move Update
5. Sustainability Coordinator Position
6. Climate Narrative Project
7. Next meeting and adjournment

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- Meeting Minutes –

Members/Liaisons Present: Art Bettis, Liz Christiansen, Don Guckert, Andrew Hirst,

Wilfred Nixon, Ty Priest, Matthew Tarnoff, Brian Thompson

Others Present: Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, John Fuller, Jeff Landgren

University of Iowa Bicycle Master Plan

John Fuller presented a Bicycle Master Plan drafted by students of his Sustainable Seminar. It has previously been presented to UI Student Government, Parking and Transportation Charter Committee, and UI Bicycle Advisory Committee and received support from all. The next steps will be to go before the Campus Planning Committee and Staff and Faculty Councils.

Discussion included the need to address signage, parking and shared-use paths; concerns about crossing the river; incentives for increased bicycle use; and coordination and buy-in with area city municipalities.

This item will be placed on the December agenda for further discussion and approval.

Iowa City People’s Climate March Demands

Demands from the Iowa City People’s Climate March were revisited.

Discussion included use of proper channels for a response and whether this committee should take it upon itself to respond and the symbolic politics of this document to help raise awareness.

The recommendation was to hold the “demands” document until contacted.

Office Move Update

The relocation of the Office of Sustainability is being requested, but the timeline has not been defined, nor has a location been identified.

Sustainability Coordinator Position

The announcement was made regarding Eric Holthaus leading the Eco-Hawks effort. His position will expand to become the Sustainability Coordinator for the Office of Sustainability.

Climate Narrative project

Liz Christiansen provided an update on the Comate Narrative Project and reminded committee members of the presentation in December as the conclusion to this semester’s project.

Members discussed ideas on how to expand this project.

Next Meeting

December 19th at 1:30 in room 202 USB.