

Sustainability Commission Meeting September 12, 2022

Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm by Renee Ruchotzke

Roll Call: Renee Ruchotzke, MaryJayne Stone

Absent: Wilder Hritz, Andy Scholl, Rick Hawksley

Staff: Patti Long, Assistant to the City Manager

Approval of the agenda:

No quorum, therefore no action taken.

Meeting Summary Minutes:

Minutes filed, no adjustments.

Public Comment

None

Old Business:

- a. Ad Hoc Update – Ms. Long shared the schedule for KERAMIDA’s interviews with the stakeholders October 4th-6th, highlighting the Sustainability Commission and Ad Hoc meeting times. Since the Commission interview is Tuesday the 4th at 3:30, there will be no regular meeting on October 3, 2022. Staff will not be attending interviews so as to not impact tone and tenor of discussions. All interviews will take place at 930 Overholt and the Public Engagement meeting is in the lower level of the Fire Department.

Ms. Ruchotzke asked if she has any role in the Public Engagement Meeting. Ms. Long stated that KERAMIDA will be running the meeting, trying to assess and share information with the community. The City is advertising the event using the fliers, social media, the digital sign and press release to the Record Courier. Ms. Ruchotzke asked if it could be added to the Portager’s public calendar. Ms. Long offered to check on that. Ms. Long offered to make social media posts sharable and also print more hard copies as needed for the Commission to share.

Ms. Stone asked why she and Mr. Hawksley are the only two included on the email listing for the interview. Ms. Long was not certain but would check with the intern who created it. As additions are made, the schedule will be shared. Ms. Susel will be sharing information from KERAMIDA’s benchmarks for Kent as compared with similar towns in the region.

Ms. Ruchotzke asked if Main Street Kent was asked. Ms. Long stated that the Chamber was asked and is on the schedule. She also asked about Portage Recycling and at the time, they had not yet responded. Ms. Long hopes that the recycling component from KSU is sufficient for the interviews.

Ms. Long added as a side note that the City is moving forward with the planning of a shared position with Kent State for a staff member for sustainability work.

Ms. Ruchotzke asked for the social media posts to start soon to increase the push as it gets closer. She also suggested making it an event on Facebook.

No other agenda topics were discussed during the meeting.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Next Meeting

November 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Kent Police Department Chief's Conference Room, 3rd floor.