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Sustainability Charter Committee
Monday, July 31, 2023 @ 10 – 11am
Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees: Matthieu Biger, Erin Irish, Anna Peach, Steve Troester, Josie Welker

Absent: Jerry Anthony, Theresa Bechtel, Avery Epstein, Stratis Giannakouros, Jeralyn Westercamp, Erin Weyers

Liaison: Ben Fish

Ex Officio: Tony Senio

Staff: Beth MacKenzie (OSE), Brinda Shetty (OSE)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:02am.

2. Announcements – Open to all present

3. Impromptu new business for this agenda – Open to all present

Prompted by Irish MacKenzie shared positive update following [3rd Annual BioBlitz at the Ashton Prairie Living Laboratory](#), held July 8, 2023, including ~150 attendees and successful stream survey and equipment demonstrations.

4. Liaison & ex officio updates

Fish reported that re: UI Sustainability Water Goal Campus Master Planning Committee has started looking to “make some areas off limits forever” with area West of Mormon Trek/Finkbine first in mind; in concert with UI Athletics.

Trails/information signage would be included in projects.

Asked about Miscanthus – used as part of fuel pellet mix in boilers – Fish said that plants have a 25 year possible longevity so any land-use overlay with Master Planning may impact those areas.

Finally, Design Standards updates may be called for regarding said land-use (e.g., Water Goal).

5. 2023-24 planning discussion (e.g., endeavors, guests)

Discussion led to a few action items/possible guests:

- Call to separate recurring and one time visitors for a more precise picture of past and potential guests;
- Re: 2015 “Priorities for Action” document
 - o How has it guided SCC and implementation of priorities?
 - o Could document and/or follow-up help guide SCC going forward?
- Return visit from Finkbine Golf Course representative.

6. Next meetings:

- Monday, August 14 11:00-noon
- Friday, September 15 10:30-11:30
- Friday, October 20 10:30-11:30 – Parking and Transportation UI and ICGov guests
- Friday, November 17 10:30-11:30
- Friday, December 15 10:30-11:30