

Establishing a Sustainability Commission Lessons Learned – Oct 5 2017 Presentation at the SW Metro Resilient Cities Community Workshop www.allianceforsustainability.com/sustainablecommunities

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(based on our experience in Bloomington) www.bloomingtonmn.gov/pw/sustainability-commission

<p>Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to know where your council / mayor / city manager stands • Assemble a “Task Force” • Interview Other Active Commissions • Consolidate Information / Design Your Commission • Review with key stakeholders / Update • Work with Key Stakeholders to Strategize Approval • Where we are Today / Comp Plan • Lessons Learned • Advice 	<p>Get to know key stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Members • Mayor • City Manager • Where do they stand, what are their concerns, what questions do they have? • Is there a champion? 	<p>Assemble a Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctioned? Not Sanctioned? • Focus is: • Why – Benefit to the city • What – How structured • How – How would it operate • Select Members Carefully • Have Time / Will Show Up • Project Management • Sustainability Expertise • Commission Expertise • Potential Commission Members / Work Well in a group • Passion • Council Members? / City Staff?
<p>Interview Active Sustainability Commissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission staff Liaison (separately) • How are They Structured • Scope, • #, • Workgroups?, • etc.) 	<p>Keep Stake holders Informed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are You Learning? • What are Your Next Steps? • What Direction are You Headed? 	<p>Vision/ Design</p> <p>Why – What’s the Benefit</p> <p>What:</p> <p>What’s the Scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How structured / Processes? • How many members? • Any membership requirements / “role holders”? • How will it interact with the community? • Recommendation on Liaison. • Etc.
<p>Strategize Get Approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Your Champion(s) • Get the Mayor On Board • Shore-up Supporters • Try to Bring over those Opposed • Determine who’s going to “Call the Question” • Review with Key Stakeholders & Update. Get Buy-In • Write a Draft Ordinance 	<p>Where we Are Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nine Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 must have expertise in one or more areas of sustainability • 1 City Council Member • Staff Liaison – Dpty Dir. Public Works • One Work Group for Each Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy / Carbon • Solid Waste • Surface / Ground Water • Ecological Land Stewardship 	<p>Major Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-off Meeting in March 2017 – Established 2017 Work Plan • Green Step City • Partners in Energy (PIE) – city wide energy conservation plan • Organics Drop Off • Review 10 Year Watershed District Plans • Identify Measures for Each Area • Establish Long Term Goals (for each area) <p>Comp Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Planning Dept. • Ensure Proper Emphasis on Areas Aspects of Sustainability • Specific Long Term Goals will come Later