

Sustainability Task Force

Minutes

July 14th, 2020

Lakeside Park

1. Introductions

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| a. Maureen Mossak | Big Lake Citizen |
| b. Becky Guthrie | Big Lake Citizen |
| c. Corrie Scott | City of Big Lake |
| d. Denise McDowall | Big Lake Citizen |
| e. Klara Porath | Big Lake Citizen |

2. Task Force Structure

- a. Corrie's role
 - i. Corrie is stretched very thin and will no longer be able to attend monthly meetings. She can attend quarterly or as needed for a specific meeting/project.
 - ii. Corrie will continue to support Task Force projects.
 - iii. Corrie will continue to post items to the Task Force Facebook page for information that is sent to her.
- b. Monthly meetings
 - i. The Task force will continue to meeting monthly.
- c. Volunteer Secretary
 - i. Maureen volunteered to do the meeting minutes and agendas.
- d. Project Focus
 - i. Becky suggested that the task force focus on one large sustainability project to work on. She suggested getting input from the City Planner on an area to focus on, such as, erosion, lighting, greenhouse gasses.
 - ii. Maureen suggested that the group also continue to do smaller projects to keep people engaged. She would like to continue to do the Community Garden series and possibly expand to a composting class.
 - iii. The group talked about continuing clean up days with sustainability themes.
 - iv. The group also discussed partnering with the Parks Advisory Committee.

3. City Planner Involvement

- a. Use as a resource
 - i. Becky suggested we utilize the Big Lake City Planner as a resource for potential projects for the task force to focus on. Corrie will inquire into this when the next City Planner is hired.

4. Partner with Parks Advisory Committee

- a. The group discussed partnering with another established group like the Parks Advisory Committee to help keep the Task Force going.
- b. Task Force members will attend the next Big Lake Parks Advisory Committee meeting on July 27th at the Brom neighborhood. This is the site of a potential park.

5. GreenSteps Cities

- a. Becky and Maureen will research the steps to becoming a GreenStep City. Big Lake has already achieved Step 1 and Step 2. They will bring the information to be discussed at the next Task Force meeting in August.

6. Next Meeting

- a. The date for next month's meeting has been changed to Monday, August 10th at 6pm at River Oaks Park.