

Sustainability Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 1, 2013

Present: Lynn Stoddard, Rich Miller, Vera Ward, Paul Shapiro, Kristin Schwab, , Lon Hultgren (staff), Linda Painter (staff), Jennifer Kaufman (staff), Larissa Brown (guest), Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Linda Painter.

Painter circulated a draft sustainable development assessment tool, which she prepared by compiling the most applicable strategies from several other tools and organized by a series of guiding principles for sustainable development. Painter reviewed the categories and sample strategies with committee members. The assessment tool was intended to provide a menu of strategies; not all strategies are necessarily appropriate for Mansfield. Painter also distributed a sustainability audit of the existing zoning and subdivision regulations that was prepared by Farr Associates. The audit identifies changes to regulations based on best practices, particularly in Planned Development areas that have been identified as appropriate for higher density/mixed use development.

If there are any glaring omissions or changes that need to be made, comments should be sent to Painter before the next meeting on September 11, 2013. In September, the committee will discuss further and help refine the tool. At that time, the project team also expects that a draft of the new Plan of Conservations and Development will be available for review by the Committee. The draft will include various strategies and recommendations based on the draft assessment tool and audit.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton