

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Sustainability Committee of the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting as indicated on the date, time and location given below.

Meeting of the:SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTONDate/Time:Thursday, December 1st, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

Location: The meeting of the Sustainability Committee will be conducted virtually.

Via Zoom: Join the meeting from your computer tablet or smartphone: https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/93186631098?pwd=MWVOZG1WaXNQWnA0T2cxeXEyaTRtdz09 Meeting ID: 931 8663 1098 Passcode: 753675 One tap mobile +13017158592,,93186631098# US (Washington DC) +13052241968,,93186631098# US

Members: Ben Heili, Rachel Venegas, Donelle Scaffidi, Stephen Jackson, Denise Duranczyk, Scott Taylor, Jeff Leverich, Jen Cummings, Heath Massey & Sienna Scott

Guests:		Sharon Lezberg	
	Item #	AGENDA	
	1.	Call to Order	
		NEW BUSINESS	
		1. Refine Survey	
	FUTURE	AGENDA ITEMS	
_		2. Adjournment	

cc. Mayor Swadley, Department Heads, Council, Attorney Matt Dregne, Library Clerical Asst., Receptionists, Stoughton Newspapers/Wisc State Journal *Note: An expanded meeting may constitute a quorum of the Council. Meeting may close per Statutes 19.85 (1)(b)to consider thelicensing of a person, then reopen for regular course of business.

Find your local number: https://us06web.zoom.us/u/km4p9ML73

11/28/2022

Greetings All!

Sharon sent me a copy of the updated survey and I spent some time reviewing it.

You are headed in the right direction. Surveys are harder than they look, and you all are doing a good job of persisting and shaping the questions.

Right now, we are at the point where we should start cutting questions. This is the "normal" stage of development, which comes right after we've identified all of our interests.

The version I reviewed from Google docs will take a swift reader about 29 minutes and an average reader about 35 to 40 minutes. In any survey over 10 minutes, we will begin rapidly losing respondents with each additional question. We can stretch the upper time limit to about 15 minutes for local surveys on issues that survey respondents perceive as critical.

We can be optimistic about capturing residents for 15 minutes if the survey is very well organized and keeps the respondent experience foremost in mind.

To that end, the target should be no more than 40 to 45 questions. A swift reader will take an average of 20 seconds per question, which means that a 40 question survey will be 15 minutes long.

I downloaded the google doc into an excel so everyone can see the scope of the survey more easily. At this stage in development, it's easier to edit and cut when looking at the questions in Excel as opposed to looking at the paper version of the survey. I eliminated the personal sustainability questions to get the survey down to 75 questions (25.0 minutes). This is still too long, and I would recommend eliminating another 30 items.

When cutting, I usually approach it like this:

- 1. Cut redundant questions. (e.g. there are several similar questions about bicycling and a number of specific and detailed questions about home landscaping) Respondents will drop off if they perceive the questions are repetitive.
- 2. If, regardless of the survey results, an action is likely to be taken or a policy is likely to be recommended, then the committee should consider cutting the question related to that policy. I always ask myself, "Do we need public support to recommend this, or can we do this without knowing if people broadly support it?"
- 3. Using this guideline, the committee most likely does not need to know the level of public support in order to recommend installing solar panels on city buildings as I predict that you will recommend that very sensible action regardless of survey results.

Thus, that question can be cut. In contrast, actions around the comp plan and land use probably do require broad support in order to implement, so those would be critical questions to keep on the survey.

Using those rules, I cut the survey to 41 questions, as you'll see on the attached Excel (tab 2). Take a look, discuss, and see if this still gets the information you need to move forward.

And, while I cannot make the night meetings this quarter, I am available during the daytime to meet. Give me a few days notice to coordinate meeting times if you want to chat.

Stoughton Community Survey

Project summary here

What is the Purpose of This Survey? The information collected in this survey will be used by community leaders as they work to understand resident opinions related to sustainability.

Who Should Take This Survey? This survey is intended for City of Stoughton residents who are at least 18 years of age.

Voluntary Participation: Your participation in the survey is completely voluntary. Although your input is very valuable, you are not required to take this survey.

Anonymity: Your identity is anonymous when taking this survey. Answers to the survey will be tabulated by the Division of Extension at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Your answers will be combined with all other answers and used in aggregate form only.

Survey Sponsors: This survey is conducted by the University of Wisconsin's Division of Extension on behalf of the City of Stoughton's Sustainability Committee

Questions About the Survey? If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Kristin Runge at kristin.runge@wisc.edu.

How Do I Take the Survey? Please turn the page and complete the questions. Once you have finished, please drop the survey off at _____ by _____, and your answers will be sent to the Division of Extension at UW Madison where they will be recorded.

Can more than one household member take the survey? Yes. All household members who are at least 18 years old can fill out the survey by going to the online version at ______ or by accessing it through the QR code below. Additional paper surveys are available in several locations throughout the Village.

Prefer to take this survey online? You may take this survey online at _____ or by accessing it through the QR code below:



Personal Experiences & Relationship to Local Environment

Personal1. Please think about a typical year. Weather permitting, how often do you do the following activities <u>in</u> <u>Stoughton or the surrounding area?</u>

(Please place an X or \checkmark over the circle that corresponds with your answer)

	Never	Not very often	Several times a year	At least once a month	Weekly or more
Go to a local park	0	0	0	0	0
Walk or bike within the city	0	0	0	0	0
Hike, bike, or walk on a trail or route	0	0	0	0	0
Spend time on the water	0	0	0	0	0
Go to a state park, county park, or other natural area	0	0	0	0	0
Go hunting or fishing	0	0	0	0	0

Finding Common Ground

CommonGround1. When thinking of the Stoughton area, how important are the following to you, personally?

	Not important at all	Somewhat important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Preserving farmland	0	0	0	0	0
Increasing native habitat	0	0	0	0	0
The health of local lakes, rivers	0	0	0	0	0
The health of local groundwater	0	0	0	0	0
Creating an environmentally sustainable community	0	0	0	0	0
Creating an economically sustainable community	0	0	0	0	0
Creating a fair community where everyone has opportunities	0	0	0	0	0
Concentrating development in the urban area	0	0	0	0	0

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Compost food or yard waste o o o o o o		0	0	0	0	0				
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PSB1. How often do you do the following, if you do these things at all?

PSB4. The following are one-time or few-time efforts or activities that some people have undertaken. Have you done any of these, or thought about doing any of these things?

	Have not done this and am not likely to do so	Might do this	Have plans to do this	Have done this already	Does not apply
Planted a tree near your house in order to reduce cooling bills in the summertime	0	0	0	0	0
Installed a "smart" thermostat or programmable thermostat	0	0	0	0	0
Replaced regular light bulbs with LED or compact fluorescent light bulbs	0	0	0	0	0
Conducted a home energy audit	0	0	0	0	0
Improved your home's insulation	0	0	0	0	0
Installed a low-flow shower head, water faucet, or toilet	0	0	0	0	0

Sustainability Initiatives

In this next section we would like your opinion on initiatives that the City of Stoughton might undertake as part of the work to create a more sustainable community.

SI1. Energy and Carbon Reduction

As we look for ways to become a more sustainable community, how important is it that the City try to do the following actions?

	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Not sure
Install solar panels on city property (facilities, parking lots, park shelters)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Implement on-peak and off-peak metering for electricity use	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provide financial incentives to developers to go above state energy efficient building standards	0	0	0	0	0	0
Increase grants and rebate programs to homeowners for improving energy efficiency	0	0	0	0	0	0

SI2. Land Use and Development

As we look for ways to become a more sustainable community, how important is it that the City try to do the following actions?

	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Not Sure
Promote mixed-use developments that include both housing and business	0	0	0	0	0	0
Review ordinances and land use plan to promote increased density	0	0	0	0	0	0
Find ways to promote more in-fill and re-use of existing buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plant shade trees in public parks & terraces	0	0	0	0	0	0
Establish native prairie or oak savanna restoration in city parks	0	0	0	0	0	0

SI3. Transportation

As we look for ways to become a more sustainable community, how important is it that the City try to do the following actions?

	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Not Sure
Develop public transportation (such as a bus service) between Stoughton and other communities	0	0	0	0	0	0

Establish electric vehicle charging stations at various locations in the City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Create a Park and Ride for ride sharing to Madison	0	0	0	0	0	0
Develop more connected, safe bicycle paths and lanes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redesign some city streets to include bicycle lanes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Establish a city 'no idling' policy to reduce emissions and improve air quality	0	0	0	0	0	0
Establish transportation options within Stoughton such as Main Street bus trolly	0	0	0	0	0	0

SI4. Water

As we look for ways to become a more sustainable community, how important is it that the City try to do the following actions?

	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Not sure
Install rain gardens in terraces during street reconstruction projects	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provide incentives to convert lawns to native grasses as a storm-water management practice	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conduct feasibility study to identify permeable surface alternatives to sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots	0	0	0	0	0	0

S15. Solid Waste Management

As we look for ways to become a more sustainable community, how important is it that the City try to do the following actions?

	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Not Sure
Work with businesses and organizations to reduce waste	0	0	0	0	0	0
Explore the feasibility of a community wide composting program	0	0	0	0	0	0
Support the school district in reducing food waste	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expand efforts to educate the public about proper recycling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Develop incentives for recycling for larger organizations and companies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Explore opportunities for materials reuse in construction	0	0	0	0	0	0

Household willingness to participate in sustainability initiatives

HW1. If support for the following options were available (information, assistance, rebates, other financial incentives), to what extent would you and/or your family members likely adopt these initiatives and/or utilize these services?

	Not likely	Minimally likely	Not sure	Very likely	Extremely likely
Install rooftop solar	0	0	0	0	0
Upgrade home appliances for greater energy efficiency	0	0	0	0	0
Compost your food and yard waste at your home	0	0	0	0	0
Plant and manage shade trees on my property	0	0	0	0	0
Take public transportation between Stoughton and other communities	0	0	0	0	0
Utilize electric vehicle charging stations	0	0	0	0	0
Participate in ride-sharing to Madison	0	0	0	0	0
Consider increased bicycle community with a safe bicycling infrastructure	0	0	0	0	0
Take public transportation options within Stoughton (e.g., trolley, ride-share)	0	0	0	0	0
Install a rain garden on my property	0	0	0	0	0
Convert some of my lawn to native plants/grasses	0	0	0	0	0

The next set of questions will help us understand student transportation needs and household barriers to utilizing sustainable forms of transportation. While the City of Stoughton is not responsible for transportation of school aged children to and from school, The city would like to partner with the Stoughton School District to address student transportation needs as part of its sustainability initiatives.

Transportation, Schools & Employment Barriers

Transport1. W	hich best descri	bes your emplo	yment situatio	on right now?			
Employed or looking O	Unemployed O	Self Employed O	Retired O	Homemaker O	Student	Disabled O	Other O
Transport2. At	oout how far do	you live from y	our current or	most recent e	mployer?		
Less than on mile O	e 1-5 m O		-10 miles O	11-20 mile O	es 21-30	miles	More than 30 miles O
Transport3. How often, if at all, are you able to do your job from a remote location?							
Never O		Rarely O		ionally O	Frequently O		Always O
Transport4. W	hich of the follo	wing, if any, are	e available at y	our workplace	?		
Carpool or rid progran		stop or other transportatior	n Bicycle	parking	Electric vehicl charging statio		parking during work hours
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Transport5. Do apply)	o you have child	ren at home, ei	ther full time o	or part time? If	so, which ages a	re they? (Plea	se check all that
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Transport6. Th morning?	inking of your s	chool age child	ren, on a typic	al good weath	er day, how do th	ey get to scho	ol in the
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Walk or b	IKE KIO	e a school bus		nily Ə	drives O	ride	O O
Transport7. Af somewhere el		ney come straig	ht home, go to	o after school o	are, go to extra-c	urricular activ	vities, or

	Go to after school	Go to	Go to a job or					
Go home	Go home care		non-school activity	Other				
0	0	0	0	0				
Transport8. At the end of the day, how do they get home?								
		Carpool with another	Parent or guardian	They drive themselves or				
Walk or bike	Ride a school bus	family	drives	ride with friends				
	0	0	0	0				

Attitudes Toward Funding Sustainability

Fund1. Some of the measures that the city undertakes to become more sustainable will be cost neutral. Some may save money in the long term, and others may cost the city money. We are curious about if you would support or oppose sustainability measures that do the following ..

Would you support or oppose sustainability measures that	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure	Support	Strongly support
Save the city money	0	0	0	0	0
Save households money	0	0	0	0	0
Make it easier to live a sustainable lifestyle	0	0	0	0	0
Cost the city money but preserve land and water	0	0	0	0	0
Cost the city more in the short term, but save money in the long term	0	0	0	0	0
Do not cost anything at all and have no impact on short term or long-term costs	0	0	0	0	0

(Open Ended) Is there anything that you would like to share with the committee as we are working toward making Stoughton a more sustainable community?

Because we try to get responses and opinions from many different people across the community, we would like to ask you a few questions that help us make sure we are reaching people of different ages, genders, neighborhoods, viewpoints and so on.

These responses will be confidential and will only be used for research purposes.

What is your gender?

- O Male
- O Female
- **O** Non-binary/Other
- Is your current community your hometown?
- O Yes, it is my original hometown
- O Yes, it is my adopted hometown
- O No, my hometown is elsewhere

Which best describes where you live?

- O City of Stoughton
- Stoughton School District, but not the city
- O The surrounding area
- **O** Somewhere else

 What is your age? _____
 How long have you lived in the Stoughton area? _____

How long have you lived in Wisconsin or the Upper Midwest? _____

Have you or anyone else in your household had to work two jobs at once in order to make ends meet at any point over the past five years?

- O Yes
- O No

Generally speaking, do you consider yourself conservative, moderate, or liberal when it comes to different issues?

- O Very conservative
- O Conservative
- O Moderate
- O Liberal
- O Very liberal

Which best describes your race or ethnicity? (please check all that apply)

- O White or Euro American
- O Black or African American
- O Asian or Asian American
- O American Indian or Native American
- O Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- O Latino/Latinx or Hispanic
- O Other

Would you be interested in receiving updates from the Stoughton Sustainability Committee or interested in helping out? If so, please **click here.**

Thank you! Please return this survey to ____ by ____. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Runge, PhD. at the Division of Extension, UW-Madison kristin.runge@wisc.edu or (608) 263-1432.

Question stem

Weather permitting, how often do you do the following?

Creating common ground

How important is it that we do the following?

How important is it that the city do the following?

Household Actions

Transportation

Support parameters

Demographics

Question

Go to a local park Walk or bike within the city Hike, bike, or walk on a trail or route Spend time on the water Go to a state park, county park, or other natural area Go hunting or fishing

Preserving farmland Increasing native plant and wildlife habitat The health of local lakes, rivers The health of local groundwater Creating an environmentally sustainable community Creating an economically sustainable community Creating a fair community where everyone has opportunities Concentrating development in the urban area

Install solar panels on city property (facilities, parking lots, park shelters) Implement on-peak and off-peak metering for electricity use Provide financial incentives to developers to go above state energy efficient building standards Increase grants and rebate programs to homeowners for improving energy efficiency Promote mixed-use developments that include both housing and business Review ordinances and land use plan to encourage increased density Find ways to promote more in-fill Find ways to promote re-use of existing buildings Plant shade trees in public parks & terraces Develop public transportation (such as a bus service) between Stoughton and other communities Establish electric vehicle charging stations at various locations in the City Create a Park and Ride for ride sharing to Madison Develop more connected, safe bicycle paths and lanes Redesign some city streets to include bicycle lanes Establish a city 'no idling' policy to reduce emissions and improve air quality Establish transportation options within Stoughton such as Main Street bus trolly Install rain gardens in terraces during street reconstruction projects Provide incentives to convert lawns to native grasses as a storm-water management practice Conduct feasibility study to identify permeable surface alternatives to sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots

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Install rooftop solar Upgrade home appliances for greater energy efficiency

Upgrade home for greater energy efficiency Plant and manage shade trees on my property Take public transportation between Stoughton and other communities Utilize electric vehicle charging stations Participate in ride-sharing to Madison Consider increased bicycle community with a safe bicycling infrastructure Take public transportation options within Stoughton (e.g., trolley, ride-share) Install a rain garden on my property Convert my lawn to native plants/grasses Utilize permeable pavers for driveway upgrades Compost your food and yard waste at your home

Transport1. Which best describes your employment situation right now? Transport2. About how far do you live from your current or most recent employer? Transport3. How often, if at all, are you able to do your job from a remote location? Transport4. Which of the following, if any, are available at your workplace? (Carpool, ride share ...) Transport5. Do you have children at home, either full time or part time? If so, which ages are they? (Please Transport6. Thinking of your school age children, on a typical good weather day, how do they get to schoc Transport7. After school, do they come straight home, go to after school care, go to extra-curricular activit Transport8. At the end of the day, how do they get home?

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What is your gender?

Age Generally speaking, do you consider yourself conservative, moderate, or liberal ... ? Municipality Education Tenure as resident Race/ethnicity Two or more jobs

Notes

Eliminate entire battery for space Eliminate entire battery for space

Redundant if the survey is also asking about smaller lots, density etc.

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Choose only one bicycle infrastructure question Choose only one bicycle infrastructure question

Is broad public support necessary to implement or recommend this? Will I

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Is broad public support necessary to implement or recommend this? Redundant? If the later question about utilizing a composting program is p Is this a documented issue?

Is recycling an issue in Stoughton? My understanding is that WI has very h Is compliance with recycling laws an issue for businesses in Stoughton? This question has a very limited scope. Given the need to cut questions, is Choose only one bicycle infrastructure question

Limited usefulness? Would the number of people considering a driveway (

e check all that apply) of in the morning? ties, or somewhere else?

upgrade be so small that this question isn't useful?

Question stem Creating common ground

How important is it that we do the following?

Household Actions

Transportation barriers

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Demographics

Question

Preserving farmland Increasing native plant and wildlife habitat The health of local lakes, rivers The health of local groundwater

Implement on-peak and off-peak metering for electricity use Increase grants and rebate programs for improving energy efficiency Review ordinances and land use plan to promote increased density Develop public transportation within Stoughton and to other communities Create a Park and Ride for ride sharing to Madison Develop more connected, safe bicycle paths and lanes

Install rooftop or backyard solar

Upgrade home appliances for greater energy efficiency Upgrade home mechanicals or structure for greater energy efficiency Update landscaping to be more sustainable (e.g. plant more shade trees, install a rain garden) Take public transportation between Stoughton and other communities Participate in ride-sharing to Madison Take public transportation options within Stoughton (e.g., trolley, ride-share)

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