



City of Battle Creek
Sustainable BC Committee

Zoom Meeting

Monday October 27, 2025, 1:30pm – 2:30pm

MINUTES

☐ **Call to Order:** 1:32pm Patty Hoch-Melluish

☐ **Attendance:**

Name	Present: Y/N	Name	Present: Y/N
Kristopher Martin (BC Unlimited)	Yes	Mark Stephens (Com.Vol.)	Yes
Patty Hoch-Melluish (CoBC)	Yes	Danielle(Dee) Chauvin (Com.Vol.)	No
Christopher Bacik (Com.Vol.)	No	Robert (Bob) Gilbert (Com.Vol.)	Yes
Andy Helmboldt (Com.Vol.)	No	Roger Bosse (Com.Vol.)	Yes
Mark Behnke (Mayor)	No	Keona Ackley (Com.Vol.)	Yes
Paige Katsarsky-Smith (Comm'r)	No	Michael Wyszynski (Com.Vol.)	Yes
Bessie Ploeg (CoBC)	Yes	Michael Hall (Com.Vol)	No
Jessica LaCosse (Comm'r)	Yes		

Guests: Darcy Schmitt (City Hall, Battle Creek)

➤ **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve 8-25 minutes, moved Keona A., 2nd by Kris M. (all approved)

➤ **Presenter:** Darcy Schmitt, City of Battle Creek Planning on Land Use (PowerPoint)

- Master Plans: Parks/non-motorized/Corridor/CIP/Downtown Plants
- Zoning Ordinances: Short Range Planning
- Landscape Requirements/stormwater management/offer options
- Brownfield Redevelopment: Authority boundary/Oversee financial dev./County Landbank/
 - Funding: EPA/City/Taxes/State/Federal???
- BSA: Brownfield Site Assessment
- K. Martin: 600 parcels by Calhoun County and City/SME-environmental assessments
- Patty: How to prioritize green space? 20% Open Space / Approval goes with the land
- Get a Map of our Wetlands...2 acres or more
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➤ **City Energy Efficiency Activities:** n/a

➤ **City Staff/Environmental Programs Updates:**

- 2025 Sustainability Goals and City Commission Workshop
- Scrap Tire Event: 13.46 tons recycled
- Krazy for Kazoo: About 90 volunteers/200 trees planted along Jackson St
- Tree planting continued with grant: Roughly 150 trees planted with City of Springfield, 100 trees planted with Kellenova and 50 more planted with Kurt
- Need to update the Sustainability Plan w/new goals
- Upcoming Events:
- City: BC Styrofoam Event from 9am-11am at DPW
- County: Scrap Tire Collection in Tekonsha, October 27 from 12pm-5pm
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➤ **Planning Department Updates: n/a**

➤ **City Commission Updates/Reports:**

➤ **Sustainability Plan Notes:** Updates following GHS Inventory after discussion with new Commission October 21 @ 5 pm: Patty H. says it will be a good 6 months before we here back from commission on their thoughts on the GHG Inventory.

➤ **Field Trips, Trainings, Etc.: n/a**

➤ **Other Business: n/a**

➤ **Public Comment: none**

➤ **Adjournment: 2:29pm**