

## SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2019

Location: Morris Library Coffee Shop

Members present: Jane Cogie, Charlie Howe, Tom Grant,

Guests present: Geory Kurtzhals, Paula

The group met with Ms. Geory Kurtzhals, SIU-C's sustainability coordinator, to learn from her and explore consistencies and areas where the city and University might be able to coordinate efforts towards sustainable goals.

What we learned:

Universities across the country are using the S.T.A.R.S. system to evaluate their sustainability plans.

"S.T.A.R.S." stands for Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment and Rating System

There is a major watershed plan being developed through the Greater Egypt Regional Planning group that could be useful in regard to resources conservation, the environment and public health areas of the city's sustainability plan currently being developed.

Geory's thoughts for us:

Define the "City". What's not included is as important as what is included for solutions to be defined.

Choose a model to work from. Geory likes Bloomington, IN model but also recommends we check out the Green Cincinnati website also.

We must do an inventory and/or needs assessment. Be sure to use Data gathered when making decisions regarding our "goals".

Quantify an action to get closer to obtaining our goals.

Do consider 3<sup>rd</sup> party facilitation and network shareholders/stakeholders for action when implementing action plans.

Look for Overlaps in other plans (ie: City + SIU-C, City + Regional Planning, City + other Cities, City + County, etc).

Look for overlaps of "Action" to help the process along.

She also suggested that we look at the UN Sustainable Goals as a helpful guide.

Submitted by Tom Grant