

Minutes for the November meeting of the Green Team (Nov. 1, 2007, City Council Chambers)

Attending: Paul Brown, Rodger Dotson, Linda Durfee, Nelson France, Evan Hansen, Jim Kotcon, Duane Nichols, Pat Reilly, Will Reilly, Don Spencer, Chris Van Dyke, Bill Wonderlin, Steve Woodruff, Dan Boroff

1. Leadership and organization

The recommendations for leadership and organization prepared by Bill Wonderlin, Larry Harris, and John Hall were discussed. A revised copy of the recommendations is attached to these minutes. Approval of these recommendations and the selection of members to serve as Chair(s) and Secretary were postponed until the December meeting.

2. Identification of priorities for the group.

Many potential areas of focus for the Green Team were discussed and merged into a list of seven primary areas. These include (in no specific order):

- Energy use/ energy efficiency
- Air quality/ water quality/ environmental quality
- Waste/ recycling/ compositing/ yard waste
- Transportation/ public transportation/ alternative transportation/ pedestrian issues/ bicycle friendly
- Green Construction/ LEED
- Green Space/ trees/ wildlife
- Public policy/ sustainable growth/ city infrastructure/ education

Three areas were selected from this list as being the highest priority for the Green Team to begin its work. Standing committees were formed to address these three areas:

- **Energy Committee:** Paul Brown, Chris Van Dyke, Will Reilly, Steve Woodruff, and Jim Kotcon
- **Green Construction Committee:** Paul Brown, Roger Dotson, Will Reilly, Bill Wonderlin, and Don Spencer
- **Recycling Committee:** Linda Durfee, Bill Wonderlin, and Jim Kotcon

The committees were asked to give a brief report to the full Green Team at the December meeting regarding how each committee will begin its work (a more detailed request for these reports will be included in the agenda for the December meeting).

3. City Manager's report

- Although the design process for the new North Side Fire Station is fairly far (25%) along, there will be an opportunity for members of the Green Team to attend a presentation by the architects at 3:30 PM on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, in the City Council Chambers. The Green Construction Committee will meet after the presentation to develop its recommendations regarding the facility, and these recommendations will be presented to the entire Green Team for discussion at the December meeting.

- Mr. Boroff discussed the upcoming review of proposals for Morgantown's contract for an energy conservation plan. An important issue is the financing of the plan, which would be facilitated by the issuance of bonds via the State's 5A-3B-1 Energy-Savings Contracts. However, this mechanism is only available to state agencies, and not to cities. Mr. Boroff asked us to contact our state legislatures to ask them to introduce legislation that would extend this program to cities such as Morgantown. (additional details were sent by e-mail from the City Manager's office on 11/5/07)

4. Membership list.

An updated membership list was circulated for editing at the meeting. The revised list is attached to these minutes.

5. Next Meeting.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 6th, 4-6PM. We will try to reserve a room in the Public Safety Building. Three items were identified for inclusion on the agenda for the December meeting: (1) approval of recommendations for leadership and organization; (2) reports from committees; and (3) reports and discussion regarding the plan for the North Side Fire Station.