

**Green Team
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2007**

Chairman Bill Wonderlin called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM

The minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated to the group, were approved.

Item 1: Discussion of the recommendations for leadership and organization.

Wonderlin read the previously sent principles of operation, which were agreed to at the last meeting. There was some discussion of the operation of the committee by consensus. As a first try at this process, the principles of operation of the committee (which included operation by consensus) were approved...without opposition.

The formal selection of a Chair (Bill Wonderlin); Co-Chair (Paul Brown); Secretary (Larry Harris) and Co-Secretary (open) was discussed and the slate was approved without opposition.

Item 2: Reports from Committees

Energy Committee

Members: Brown, VanDyke, Reilley, Kotcon

Role: VanDyke suggested that the overall role was to help make the City operations more efficient.

A general discussion of how this role might be approached followed:

- a. Committee review of the recent City energy audit report
- b. Help Morgantown become a leader in green operation for other cities
- c. Work with Greg Adolphson of the DEP to promote greener operations
- d. To serve an educational role for citizens interested in green energy
- e. Develop a questionnaire for contractors applying for building permits which helps them adhere to green policies
- f. Promoting intelligent use of vehicles, including powering down when idle
- g. Promoting traffic designs and principles that reduce jams and the attendant use of fuels and emissions

Paul Brown asked about the overlap in concerns of the Energy Committee and Green Architecture Committee. Some would occur and that might be good for the overall Green Team.

Discussion of how we can encourage building practices that are “green” followed. There is no law at the City level which addresses this, nor has the State adopted such laws yet. Incentives may be possible to encourage local builders to follow green practices.

Jim Kotcon was approved as Chair of the Energy Committee.

Item 4 City Manager's Report (this was moved up in the agenda for a brief discussion)

Dan Boroff repeated his request that the Green Team select someone from this group to be appointed to the 3 person committee reviewing City facilities and management. Pat Kirby volunteered to work with this committee. The second issue was the "Green Fire Hall" and a plan for the future of this facility.

He suggested we might consider working with Code Enforcement to come up with the Questionnaire to be attached to building permits. This document might educate as to the use of green building principles and or promote their use. The question of incentives was discussed with some concerns: reduction of fees to green contractors reduces City revenue. We should be watchful not to reward contractors with fee reductions for things they would do anyway.

We then discussed the Green Advantage, an organization which certifies green builders, of which Chris Haddox is a board member. He agreed to help out with the development of the brochure/questionnaire. It was felt that this would not be a one time form, but would be specific to each project, recognizing that contractors might not appreciate the extra paperwork.

Chris and Pat Kirby attended a meeting of the US Green Building Council in Chicago, which had 30,000 attendees.

Kotcon pointed out that 48% of current energy usage relates to buildings, and only 3% to usage by SUV drivers. This comparison might not extend to emissions of greenhouse gases or other pollutants.

Don Spencer discussed his visit to the National League of Cities in New Orleans, which had 4000 city managers and representatives in attendance. He returned with a great deal of information concerning how other cities are addressing the green issues. The use of LEED standards is increasing in cities such as Syracuse, NY. Don will meet with the Energy Committee to share and discuss this information before our next Green Team meeting.

Item 2, continued

Recycling Committee

Members: Durfberger, Kotcon, Wonderlin

Some of the goals and ideas of this group were discussed:

- a. Conversion to a volume-based fee for garbage service.
- b. Expand curbside recycling (accept more materials)

- c. Frequent e-cycling events
- d. Coordinate Morgantown's and WVU's recycling efforts.
- e. Find better ways to keep yardwaste out of the landfill.
- f. Have property owners, rather than tenants, pay for trash removal.
- g. Consider how recycling efforts are contributing to the emission of greenhouse gasses from landfills.
- h. Fact finding with other agencies, groups and WVU regarding current and planned recycling activities

John Hall will join this committee.

Green Architecture Committee

The main consideration is the construction of the new Fire Hall, and Paul Brown led this discussion.

- a. This fire hall will be one of six LEED certified fire halls in the US
- b. Brown read the various energy related features of the new construction

The discussion following this report was extensive. Will Reilley was concerned that the level of LEED certification was minimal, especially in the area of optimization of energy performance. The fact that there is a \$2 million dollar ceiling for this project limits some of the desirable improvements. Some better energy solutions might come as add-ons in the future. Chris Haddox suggested that the \$40,000 for a Commissioning Agent could be taken over by us or the City and that dollar savings applied to the energy conservation effort. Paul Brown added this and other changes to his report which he will circulate to the Green Team after further discussion by the Green Architecture Committee.

New Business: None

The next Green Team meeting will be at 4 pm on January 3, 2008 in the same location.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.