

Green Team Meeting November 6, 2008

Attendance: VanDyke, Spencer, Haddox, Woodruff, Boroff, Hall, Wonderlin, Askins, Hansen, Reilly, Durfee, Miller, Chefrin, Kirby, Harris

Wonderlin called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

Item 1: Minutes of the September Green Team meeting were approved with one change (CLT is audit firm).

Item 2: Report from City Manager

Dan Boroff reported on the following:

a. **Fire Station:** Construction is now underway, within budget and certification looks good.

b. **Gas Drilling:** Dan reported that there are 1800 acres available for development. There is a November 14th meeting to discuss recent reports of drinking water pollution in the Mon River, related to disposal of fracking water.

c. **Energy Audit:** Council approved the investment-grade audit of the city operations. The audit will be completed in 90 days to see the extent of energy savings that can be realized. There is a very real possibility that city lights will be replaced by induction lighting with a possible savings of \$80 K per year.

In response to a GT question, Dan explained that the audit involves city buildings, safety issues, power usage and streetlights. All utilities will be audited. Dan requested GT participation in this process.

After the audit, if the savings are not substantial the City can pay the CLT the \$9500 and withdraw from further action. If the savings are substantial the City can proceed with complete audits and bidding for the management phase of the work.

ACTION ITEM: Pat Kirby and Chris Haddox will attend audit meetings, with Chris Van Dyke as lighting alternate.

Item 3: Marcellus Shale Issues

a. Letter from GT to City will point out the concerns of the Team relative to carbon dioxide issues.

b. Recent evidence of increased total dissolved solids in the Mon River has resulted in complaints about the taste of drinking water in PA.

Evan Hansen pointed out that some of the problem water comes from WV where little regulations exist. There is no standard for TDS in WV, while there is one in PA. The WVDEP has not taken action to address this issue.

The upcoming meeting of the Mon River Recreation Commission will address this issue, and a NPR story is in the works as well.

ACTION: Harris will attend the meeting.

Item 4: Street Lighting

The replacement plan calls for mostly induction lighting with limits use of LEDs. Some of the lights are the property of the DOH. A trial of the induction lighting is being done in Clarksburg at Veterans Park and is well liked thus far.

Item 5: Green Vision and Comprehensive Plan (CP)

Chris Haddox suggested that each GT committee make up a 1-2 page plan to help neighborhood groups develop their visions. We discussed that there are many websites related to sustainability and Green City concerns that could help us in our tasks.

ACTION: Each Committee should work to produce a work plan or checklist for what their goals would be for the CP, and report the results at the next meeting.

Item 5: Update for Green Team Website

Chris Haddox requested past minutes be sent to be posted on the website. It was asked whether there could be a blog on the website, with a component for comments. Chris Green is creating this site and Jeff McCorsky maintains it. Nate agreed to set up the Google site to accomplish this.

Item 6: Reports from Standing Committees

None

Item 7: New Business

Pat Kirby reported on attempts to get a Brownfield's Grant for sites in the Greenmont and Sunnyside areas. The grant would be \$200K and would look at the problems on these sites as a pre-study for development. He asked for GT support for this process and Wonderlin will collect information and respond for GT.

Don Spencer discussed Solid Waste Board issues, including a plan for disposal of compost materials separate from other items. The compost will be disposed of in a separate location where the final material can be utilized. This will be discussed at a Nov. 21 meeting at 9 am. There is also interest in developing a pay as you throw system for garbage. This would involve three component to be picked up: compost, garbage and recyclables.

Don also asked if the GT should develop a list of its accomplishments over the past year, which could also be posted on the web.

Next meeting is December 4 at 4pm in the Public Safety building.

Adjourned at 5:50 pm