

## **Green Team Meeting Minutes**

**March 5, 2008**

Attendance: Dan Boroff, Sandy Cress, Don Spencer, Paul Brown, Will Reilly, Don Ferguson, Nathan Askins, Steven Woodruff, Chris Van Dyke, Jim Kotcon and Larry Harris

Paul Brown called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

Three new members joined the group:

Sandy Cress: [Sandra.cress@gmail.com](mailto:Sandra.cress@gmail.com)

Nathan Askins: [nate.askins@gmail.com](mailto:nate.askins@gmail.com)

Donald Ferguson: [Donald.ferguson@net1.doe.gov](mailto:Donald.ferguson@net1.doe.gov)

Item 1: The Minutes of the February 8 meeting were approved without amendment.

Item 2: Report of the City Manager

Dan Boroff reported that the Performance Contracting Bill is currently in the legislature and likely to pass in this session. He also said that the architect of the Fire Station is working on the energy conservation issues suggested by the Green Team and the bid is due to be let in the next 20 days or so. They are still working on the requested inventory of city vehicles, and some undercover cars may not be identified.

Discussion of other pending construction projects: New City Hall is 5 years away, and the waterfront works building is pending. Don Spencer asked if the Green Team could be involved in the planned events center on the waterfront. Dan pointed out that this would be a good idea and informed us that March Westin has gotten the contract for this building. Plans are somewhat uncertain, although groundbreaking will occur soon.

Item 3: Discussion of Procedural Guidelines for the Green Team

Paul Brown led the group through the point-by-point document. A few revisions and changes were suggested which all present were in agreement. Since there was not a quorum it was decided to circulate the amended document and act on it at the next meeting.

Item 4: Nate Askins reported on the Student Sierra Club activities, and will represent that group on the Green Team. They have been meeting with the University to promote green activities. Some progress has been made as follows:

- a. 30% lowering of emissions by 2015
- b. Recycling 50% of waste by 2010
- c. Adding sustainability lessons to the University 101 course
- d. Support of WVU biodiesel project ( use of waste vegetable oil to 20% of total use)

WVU has promised to do an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions by this September. The students have also discussed alternate energy sources such as windmills on appropriate WVU properties, and establishment of a sustainability fund to finance alternate energy projects.

Chris Haddox pointed out that Penn State is currently doing LEED certification on its campus, which contains many older buildings. WVU has elected instead to set up its own set of criteria instead of using LEED. It was felt that this may be easier for them to meet criteria, but a somewhat unwise course of action, since everyone else is using LEED.

#### Item 5: Reports of Standing Committees

a. Energy Committee: met to discuss energy monitoring of city buildings. They have requested records for electricity use over the last 2 years, including meter locations, kwh and cost data.

b. Green Architecture Committee: met to hear the LEED presentation by Chris Haddox. This is a powerpoint presentation that takes about 1 hour. Christina Olsen attending this meeting for WVU, and Steven Kite (Faculty Senate Chair) was invited but could not attend. The Green Team felt that the entire group should have the opportunity to view this presentation, along with City Council representatives. This should be scheduled at a time outside the regular meetings when council members are available.

Will Reilly brought up the issue of COOP living arrangements, which are not currently available in Morgantown. The possibility of working to change this concept was discussed.

c. Recycling Committee: Harris reported that while no activity has occurred thus far, the addition of Sandy Cress to the committee is expected to provide the needed catalysis for action. We plan to attend the next Solid Waste meeting on

March 14 at 8 am in the same room as our meetings. The chair of this group is Laura Stiller, Coordinator of the Mon County Solid Waste Authority (292-3801).

#### Item 6: Formation of Transportation Committee

The idea of forming this committee was discussed, and the group was in consensus on doing so. At the moment we are missing someone who is expert on such issues, such as Al Ebron of WVU. Addressing issues such as idling, automobile efficiency and emissions and other transportation issues were viewed as essential to Green Team interests.

#### Item 7: New Business

Chris Van Dyke reported that only four individuals have signed on to Google Groups to date. This site should be very useful for archiving and arranging emails so everyone invited to join should sign up (I did it this morning and it was not difficult)

Chris Haddox reported on two upcoming events: Impact Earth, a Solid Waste Authority waterfront event run by Laura Stiller on April 19. The second event was on Earth Day, April 22, and is a student directed environmental forum held at the NRCCE Conference Room at 2 pm. Contact Chris for further details.

Don Spencer discussed the Green Building Ordinance, which will be discussed at the next Green Architecture meeting. He also explained an effort to build Morgantown into an "inclusive cool city", passing out stickers with this message. He suggested we take a look at the sustainability program being worked on in Minneapolis. It was suggested that the Green Team get a copy of their program, perhaps at their web site?

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm

Submitted by Larry Harris, Secretary