

## **Green Team Meeting July 10, 2008**

Attendance: Reilly, Boroff, Hansen, Hall, VanDyke, Spencer, Haddox, Spencer, Tennant, Kotcon, Woodruff, Kirby, Stiller, Wonderlin, Harris

Wonderlin called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Item 1: Minutes of the June 5 Green Team meeting were approved without change.

Item 2: City Manager's Report

Boroff discussed 3 issues:

### **1. Fire Station**

All bids received were deemed too high so they sent them back to the architects for cost savings analysis. Dan submitted the letter and a list of possible savings, but the bottom line was about \$3.2 million. The low bidder has agreed with these suggestions. Dan pointed out that Morgantown is a high cost area for new construction and mentioned that the cost of financing has yet to be done.

### **2. Performance Contract**

The RFQs have been let and four responses have been obtained to date. They plan to interview all four in August.

### **3. Replacement of street lamps**

Allegheny Power is planning to replace the Mercury vapor lights in the City with other types of more efficient and less efficient bulbs. Dan passed out an information packet explaining the reasons for the change and the options available. He asked for Green Team assistance with this and Chris Haddox agreed to work on this. It was mentioned that too much lighting is now present in some areas of the City. Dan had not heard this before and mentioned that we currently have a light on every other pole.

### Item 3: Green Vision Plan

Don and Chris mentioned the need for an integrated plan or vision that will lead to the establishment of goals for the City. This could include green initiatives in education, building efficiencies, recycling, etc. We discussed the kinds of recommendations that might go into this, such as sustainability.

Dan encouraged us to take up this idea and we discussed the concept of developing a Green Team overlay for the Comprehensive Plan the City is doing for 2009. This plan might have individual neighborhood components and the Green Team could play an important role in helping to achieve green outcomes as a part of the goals.

Don suggested we look at the Burlington VT and Salt Lake City vision statements as homework for developing our own.

### Item 4: Membership and Attendance Policy of Green Team

Bill Wonderlin discussed this and submitted a diagram of how he sees membership and voting working in the Green Team (attached). There was general agreement with this scheme although it was suggested that voting members could keep new members out.

### Item 5: Intern for Green Team

Will Reilly submitted a job description for an internship that would address specific tasks with the City and Green Team. It was pointed out that we could also use Americorps or Vista people in this regard. Kotcon has a pool of students that will be interested in this internship once we finalize the description.

### Item 6: Update for Green Team Website

Chris Haddox discussed this issue and his work with Chris Green who maintains the website. Not much to put on the website so far, and the need for content was emphasized. Harris mentioned that we might begin with the Vision Statement discussed above.

### Item 7: Reports from Standing Committees

Kotcon and Harris reported on energy and recycling issues in Italy and Germany, respectively. On recent trips both mentioned similar advancements in transportation and energy conservation. Harris discussed the highly developed recycling program that Germany is famous for, and how they make the manufacturer responsible for paying for a large portion of recycling their packaging. Air conditioning is rare in Germany also, and in both countries the roads are full of bicycles and fuel-efficient autos. We can learn much from programs abroad.

The other committees did not make a report.

Bill pointed out the need for a Co-Chair for the Green Team.

Next meeting is August 7 at 4 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30