

Green Team Meeting January 8, 2009

Attendance: VanDyke, Spencer, Haddox, Boroff, Hall, Wonderlin, Askins, Kotcon, Harris

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

Item 1: Minutes of the December Green Team meeting were approved

Item 2: Report from City Manager

Dan Boroff reported on the following:

- a. **Fire Station:** Construction is proceeding.
- b. **Energy Audit:** The audit is ongoing.
- c. The West Virginia State Journal has taken note of the GT efforts and is doing a story of our work to reduce energy usage.

Item 3: GT Summit

Wonderlin suggested that the GT could sponsor a summit this spring dealing with an environmental issue of current interest. This meeting could introduce the community to the GT and our efforts, and could recruit other groups and members to the cause. It was suggested that environmental groups could be invited and a speaker included in the activities. Boroff said that the City would be able to help with this Summit and suggested that the Chamber of Commerce might be a co-sponsor. This idea was well received by the GT.

ACTION: Meet with the Chamber about this summit and their cosponsor role. Time: early April for the meeting and a potential topic might be: "Creating Green Jobs in Mon County". The Chamber's ideas as to topic and location should be carefully considered.

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

a. We discussed the progress made at the last GT meeting in December.

b. Don Spencer discussed the “STAR community index”
(URL: www.iclei-usa.org/programs/sustainability/star-community-index)

This site lists software that deals with sustainability, clean air and climate protection. The creation of greenhouse gas inventories is also covered.

ACTION: Let the Energy Committee take a close look at the site and see how this fits our needs.

Don further discussed issues related to the City fleet. We need to show how green cars (SUVs replacement) would be energy conscious and also save money. Kotcon added that replacing a vehicle getting 12 mpg with one that gets 20 mpg would save a great deal of money for the City.

This led to the discussion of how the GT intern might carry out some of these evaluations. It was suggested that an intern might be helpful with the Summit as well.

Dan suggested that the City is very supportive but would need to see a list of discrete tasks and a timeline for the intern.

Those present felt that we should approve the internship and move to select those tasks, as suggested.

Project List for Intern:

1. Evaluation of savings for fleet replacements
2. Help with organization of the Green Summit
3. Neighborhood Outreach and Comprehensive plan work
4. Evaluation of STAR Community Index

It was suggested that this work plan be added to the existing intern job description.

Nate: How would the intern be selected? Answer: The GT would select.

Bill Wonderlin will edit the work plan and intern description for GT approval ASAP, then send to relevant University offices for posting.

Item 7: New Business

Wonderlin suggested that the 4 Standing Committees of the GT should come up with deliverables for the coming year.

1. What will they propose for the Comprehensive Plan?
2. 1-3 other things they would like to accomplish.

Website: Chris Haddox mentioned that the website is up and running. We discussed the posting of documents on the site, where Chris Van Dyke suggested that Word documents are preferred.

It was suggested that we take a look at the site of the National League of Cities for ideas.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2009 at 4 pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM