

Green Team Meeting October 10, 2009

Attendance: Sam Bonasso, Daniel Bonasso, Steven Woodruff, Ryan Hess, Trevor Lloyd, Bill Wonderlin, Megan Nedzinski, Don Spencer, Will Reilly, Sheila Westfall, Linda Durfee, Chris Van Dyke (acting secretary)

Meeting began at 4:05 PM.

Sam Bonasso, Daniel Bonasso and Ryan Hess introduced themselves. Daniel is an attorney who is starting a green building business. Sam is a general contractor in Morgantown. Ryan has recently started at a local firm as the director of design.

Item 1. Minutes of the September 3 Green Team meeting were approved without change.

Item 2. Report from the City

Trevor Lloyd stated the new, more efficient skating rink chiller is 90% complete. The energy efficiency upgrades at the airport and public safety building are about 70% complete; some bugs have been noted with retrofitted lighting occupancy sensors. The insulation in the roof and doors of the city garage is 99% completed. On Oct. 13, the replacement of incandescent bulbs in traffic lights with LED-based bulbs is scheduled to begin.

Item 3. Update on Energy Audit and Plan by CLT - discussed as part of Item 2 (above)

Item 4. MUB's Energy Efficiency

Bill Wonderlin reported that MUB is contracting with Omni Associates (Fairmont) who will be subcontracting the audit. Due to passing time and some personality conflicts, the window of opportunity to consult with MUB in regard to energy efficiency may be closed. Bill will still try to "get in the loop" for the audit.

ACTION ITEM: Bill will follow up with Omni.

Item 5. Comprehensive Plan

Sheila Westfall recommended a special meeting to focus on goals. Don Spencer noted that the planning process would be on hold until July 1, 2010. He suggested a critical review and attempting to create ownership. Megan Nedzinski has shown Sheila's recommendations to various people and brainstormed with them; she has many comments. Bill Wonderlin suggested a special meeting to include, among others, Chris Fletcher and Megan's contacts.

Item 6. 2010: Year of Going Green

Bill Wonderlin stated that "more hands" will be needed to move this project along. He reported that he and Sheila Westfall met with Bill Reger-Nash. The next two weeks will be critical. An application to the city must be created and contain:

- A fact sheet – simple persuasive facts or points that underscores concept. Includes an energy efficiency report and information about environmental stewardship (e.g. localvore)
- Plan of events with firm commitments

Bill wants to send in a preliminary application. Don Spencer stressed the need to select a good title. Sam Bonasso asked about outside participation and Bill responded that the Green Team could organize but this would be open to anyone with interest.

Discussion for possible events occurred and included ideas focused on transportation, recycling, a conference at WVU, a solar house tour, annual “Gold & Blue” sale, library night and possible events in public schools.

ACTION ITEM: Meeting Oct. 13 at 6 PM, tentatively at Maxwell’s.

Item 7. Outreach

Megan Nedzinski stated that Sarah Halstead is seeking pictures with blubs that show green projects and could include the city garage, streetlights, the new fire station and John Garlow’s green buildings. Images and associated text can be emailed to Megan. Trevor Lloyd is willing to provide some time to show Megan municipal facilities to take pictures.

Megan reported that “Green Drinks” is an international organization (www.greendrinks.org) and that she has set up Morgantown as an official chapter under her name. She hopes to have first event in mid-November. Meetings are required to be open to everyone. Megan suggested that the venue be locally owned, handicap accessible, smoke-free (or smoke-free section), an equal opportunity employer, a recycler, use local or regional products, and within walking distance of public transportation. After some discussion, it was agreed by consensus that venues with some or all of these qualities be given preference. A logo needs to be developed. In a previous meeting, Chris Haddox suggested reusable name tags. We discussed the city’s involvement with Green Drinks given that these events, by their nature, take place in bars or restaurants that serve alcohol.

ACTION ITEM: Trevor Lloyd agreed to find out the extent that Green Drinks events could be associated with the city.

Item 8. Green Team Internship

Will Reilly presented his draft copy of the job description for an energy intern. He stated that an intern is needed to create an energy consumption database in order to comply with the city’s commitments under “cool city” agreement. The Green Team made some changes to the job description; additional changes may be emailed to Bill Wonderlin. Bill will send out copies.

Trevor Lloyd stated that every intern position requires a separate job description. Bill noted that Sheila Westfall’s suggestion for a PR intern has not yet been pursued.

Item 9. Reports from Standing Committees

Architecture: Megan Nedzinski extemporaneously reported that the architecture committee discussed the possibility of a green architecture intern, Green Drinks, creating a green directory, and library nights. Chris Haddox has met with the Morgantown Public Library; the first event may be take place in two months.

Item 10. New Business

New Chair: Bill reported that the Green team is now two years old and that he believes that a new chair is needed to keep the team “fresh and lively.” A new chair will be chosen at the next meeting. All those who are interested are invited to apply; Chris Haddox has expressed interest.

Public relations committee: Daniel Bonasso suggested the formation of a PR committee. Bill replied that the Green Team has flexibility in this. Daniel and Sheila Westfall expressed interest.

Monthly meeting times: Trevor Lloyd suggested a different meeting time might be better. Some discussion followed without resolution – this may be revisited at a later date.

Next Meeting at November 5, 2009 at 4 PM. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.