

Green Team Minutes

November 5, 2009

Attendance: Will Reilly, Sheila Westfall, Jim Kotcon, Bill Wonderlin, John Hall, Linda Durfee, Trevor Lloyd, Erik Edwards, Ryan Hess, Steve Woodruff, Chris Van Dyke, Amelia Martin (Amelia.Martin@mail.wvu.edu), Joe Gorman (joe.madpj7@gmail.com), Don Spencer, Larry Harris

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

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

Item 2. City Report

Trevor reported on a new mixed use building with over 400 beds to be built on Beechhurst between 4th and 5th Streets. They are interested in making this a green building, include a courtyard and want to do some recycling. They propose sorting at the site but the City is not able to do the pickup. After some discussion, Bill Wonderlin asked if we need to approach the City or the SWA to push for co-mingling of recyclables? Do we need a City ordinance on this? Don Spencer replied that he thinks the SWA is considering all of this and is moving as fast as it can. Harris reported that when Augusta 2 residents approached us to help them get recycling bins we did not get any cooperation. . Don suggested that GT should attend the SWA monthly meeting to address such issues.

Trevor reported that the new Event Center has satisfied 22 out of 69 points in the LEED certification process. They need 4 or 5 more for certification but do not plan to do it as the certification fee is too steep (1/2% of building cost). Don emphasized the importance of following through to get the full certification.

Item 3: Year of Its Easy Being Green

Bill reported on the progress of this subcommittee in asking the City to make 2010 a green year. A list of events for the year is being organized and a group of businesses and organizations have been contacted to solicit support for this idea. The Public Library is on board, as is Barbara Fleischauer, Brownfields (Kirby), Adventure WV, etc. Megan is working on a calendar that will list all the green events, with plans to put this on the website. The EBG group will meet November 12 at 4 pm at the Blue Moose to continue work, with plans to submit the proposal to City Council on November 24.

Item 4. Comprehensive Plan

The GT will take this up again in December. Will look at forming partnerships and Sheila will fill in a list of invitees.

Item 5: Outreach events

Green Drinks was discussed as a social mixer to discuss green activities. The Brew Pub is reopened and could be a potential site for this. Generation Morgantown, a social network for young professionals, will be gathering in December.

Item 6: Energy Internship

Jim Kotcon mentioned the need to begin recruitment earlier this year to allow for academic planning. He suggested a Dec. 16 deadline for application. He will get communications out on this by next week.

We also discussed the PR intern which may be supported by the City.

Item 7: Committee Reports

Energy: Kotcon plans a meeting of this committee to work on intern selection and tasking.

Architecture: Megan is working on a Green Directory, Green Drinks to bring folks together, and they are working on Green Night at the Library. Jan 12 or 19 is the first event.

Transportation: There has been no meeting but we discussed sidewalk problems in Morgantown. Trevor mentioned the new sidewalks being put in on Grant Avenue.

Recycling: This group is working to find its niche to complement the work of the SWA. Don said the next SWA meeting is November 19 from 3-4:30 and members of the recycling committee will try to attend.

Item 8: New Business

We discussed the need for new leadership of the GT as Bill mentioned he has done it for 2 years and would step down. Names were discussed but no final decision was made other than opting for co-Chairs.

Don discussed alternate fuels and suggested that the Transportation group should take this up.

Next meeting is December 3 . Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Submitted by Larry Harris, Secretary