Green Team Minutes December 3, 2009

Attendance: Will Reilly, Bill Wonderlin, Linda Durfee, Trevor Lloyd, Evan Hansen, Chris Van Dyke, Amelia Martin, Joe Gorman, Don Spencer, Megan Nedzinski, Larry Harris

Bill Wonderlin called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

Item 1. Minutes of the previous Green Team meeting were approved with a change suggested by Linda Durfee (see revised minutes).

Item 2. City Report

Trevor discussed the two possible internships with the City. The "PR" internship might fit well with the 2010: The year of "Its Easy Being Green". This would pay \$7 per hr. for an undergraduate and \$9 per hr. for a graduate student. The City will advertise this position. We also discussed the Energy intern which Jim Kotcon is working on.

Don Spencer discussed his visit to the National Congress of Cities Meeting in San Antonio, November 10 -14, 2009. He circulated a summary of what went on at the meeting. Green certification is recognized as both an energy and cost saver at many cities, and we should emphasize this here. As coal becomes less used, there is good opportunity in the alternate energy arena, something that WV should become involved with. He shared pertinant documents with the GT.

Item 3: Year of Its Easy Being Green

Megan reported on her presentation to City Council, where she discussed the idea, our events and calendar. We now need to obtain letters of support and events to be added to the calendar. She suggested that the GT might divvy up the names of businesses and organizations to be contacted. She will provide a sample of a contact letter and sample letters from supporting organizations. The deadline for submissions is January 10 as Council will act on this on January 15.

She discussed the need for getting the Dominion Post to cover our events, but this would await approval by Council. Megan also discussed progress on the logo. Over 1000 ideas were submitted and the GT committee narrowed it down to 3. The GT selected one logo idea and they will work to refine that idea.

Item 4. Downstream Strategies

Evan Hansen discussed his business, which does green infrastructure projects. He is interested in finding project possibilities in Morgantown. The new City Hall project was discussed and Trevor mentioned the streetscape project on Grant Avenue.

Evan also mentioned that Friends of Deckers Creek can supply rain barrels at \$75 each, but there is a waiting list.

Item 5: Outreach events

Green Drinks was quite successful last month with about 50-60 attendees. The event is scheduled at the Brew Pub tonight and will continue at 6 pm on the first Thursday evening of the month.

Work on the Green Directory is continuing.

Next meeting is January 7. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Submitted by Larry Harris, Secretary