

Green Team Meeting: 6 August 2009

Attendance: Chris Haddox, John Hall, Evan Hansen, Patrick Kirby, Jim Kotcon, Trevor Lloyd, Will Reilly, Sheila Westfall

The Morgantown Green Team met on August 6, 2009 at 4 pm at the Morgantown Public Safety Building. In Bill Wonderlin's absence, Chris Haddox called the meeting to order. The July minutes were unanimously approved without change.

Item 1: Report from the City (Trevor Lloyd)

There have been no significant developments with regard to the Energy Audit.

The grand opening of the North Side Fire Station will be held August 20th (subsequently postponed to August 24th). Chief Fetty and others are planning for speeches and a walk through of the facility. To highlight the LEED aspect of the building, the Green Team will put together a media release as well as a poster and handout for a self-guided tour. The certification itself is expected to take 6 – 18 months; they are still hoping to achieve the silver level but will almost certainly achieve certification at minimum.

Item 2: Friends of Decker's Creek (Evan Hansen)

Letters in support of the Richard mine treatment plant from such politicians as Morgantown Mayor Bill Byrne have made an impact. Along with some media coverage, these letters have spurred Governor Manchin and the Department of Environmental Protection to move forward in the process. However, their response to said letters has been discouraging.

Jim Kotcon suggested that the Green Team write a follow up to the Mayor's letter stating our dissatisfaction with the response. Letter should highlight the value of the creek and inquire as to what can be done to honor 2001 commitment to fund operations and management for the plant.

Item 3: Morgantown Utility Board Meeting (Jim Kotcon)

Jim distributed a summary of the meeting to supplement his report.

MUB appears to have kept excellent records on energy use but is entirely unfamiliar with such energy saving systems as LEED and Energy Star. (Energy Star is particularly relevant as it has a

standard for wastewater treatment facilities.) Energy efficiency is well below the national average but it is unclear if this is due to poor equipment or the area's topography.

Jim recommended the implementation of a program to conserve water thus avoiding the costly planned extension. MUB is opposed to this because a decrease in water use means a decrease in profits. The increased energy consumption from the expansion will be more than what the city will save following the CLT updates. The City does not, however, have much influence over this.

Item 4: Marcellus Shale (Patrick Kirby)

The WV Chamber of Commerce and DEP are looking for members to join a committee to look at total dissolved solids from Marcellus Shale gas drilling. A conference call to discuss the matter will be held on August 19th; it was suggested that a Green Team member might want to participate. No decision was made regarding this.

Item 5: Green Architecture (Chris Haddox)

- ◆ The library night is still on hold until the end of summer. The hope is that with the return of students and the end of vacation season, the event will attract more participants.
- ◆ We would like to highlight individuals in Morgantown who are using green methods in their own homes via the website.

Item 6: Interns

With the upcoming Fall semester in mind, future intern projects were discussed. Ideally, more than one would be employed to focus on separate areas such as energy and public relations.

Sheila may or may not be retained with a shift in focus to organizing events such as the library night and Green Drinks.

Item 7: Comprehensive Plan

Sheila has sent out her most recent draft of the Goals and Objectives and needs feedback.

The next meeting will be held on September 3 at 4 pm in the Public Safety Building conference room.