

Green Team Minutes

January 7, 2010

Attendance: Bill Wonderlin, Linda Durfee, Trevor Lloyd, Chris Van Dyke, Amelia Martin, Jim Kotcon, Don Spencer, Megan Nedzinski, Chris Haddox, Larry Harris. Also attending: Eve Faulkes, Chris Barr and Barbara Angeletti

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

Item 1. Minutes of the previous Green Team meeting were approved with minor alterations.

Item 2. City Report

Trevor reported that the budget for "It's Easy Being Green" of \$8260 was submitted to City Council. We also discussed the status of the replacement of street lights with inductive lights. Right now this is being approached with the PSC as Allegheny Power is resisting the change. Don pointed out that the replacement of current lights would save \$100,000/year on the electric bill.

Item 3. Committee Reports

Energy: Jim Kotcon reported that the announcement of the energy internship position has been sent out. Students are being informed of this available position, but no applications have been received yet. The salary range for this position is \$7.25/hr (undergrad.) or \$9.00 (grad.). It was pointed out that the "It's Easy Being Green" internship was advertised at \$8.00/hr. Trevor will look into this issue.

Green Architecture: Their next activity is the Green Night at the Library, scheduled for January 21, 2010, beginning at 5:30 pm. Daniel Bonasso, Brian Hess, Megan and Chris have been planning this event and there will be tables manned to distribute information and answer questions.

Don suggested that we might do a composting session for an upcoming Library night and engage local people to help out.

Item 4: It's Easy Being Green (IEBG)

Eve Faulkes and Chris Barr discussed the progress of their students in the courses they teach. Their students have carried out design and content work for the Green Team and its "It's Easy Being Green" effort. The mode of publication of these documents (print and web versions) was discussed. We also discussed the possibility of getting a sponsor to help pay for the cost of publication. The GT Green Architecture Committee will continue to work with these classes.

On December 15, 2009 we received approval from City Council for this program. The GT then considered the logos designed by the students, and after some debate, selected the "Thumbs Up" design.

Bill suggested that the budget for this effort should be discussed soon and a meeting in 2 weeks was set up. We will need prices for the street banners, shopping bags and other items that will be used to publicize IEBG. It was suggested that the City Proclamation be posted on the website.

Item 5: Recycling at WVU

Barbara Angeletti, in charge of WVU recycling efforts, reported on changes in policies at the University. Beginning on March 1 the WVU Hospital will begin recycling activities. Recycled materials include #1 and #2 plastics, aluminum and steel cans and cardboard. Paper is shredded for security issues and is not recycled. WVU trucks will deliver these items to the recycling center in Westover. HSC continues to resist any recycling, citing budgetary reasons for non-compliance. Existing recycling at HSC is currently done by Medical Students as a public service activity.

We also discussed the textile recycling center which currently accepts items at the Recreation Center. These items are recycled after sorting to remove items suitable for use by homeless support groups. Barbara also mentioned the eCycle Day for University members which received some 36 tons of electronic material last year. This years eCycle day will be April 23rd at the Coliseum.

WVU is also looking to obtain two 8 compartment trailers for recycling, one of which will be used here and the other sent to Potomac State to begin their recycling program.

Item 6: New Business

The GT discussed the position of Chairman of the GT and the dates for the meetings. Chris Haddox was approved by consensus as the new Chair, replacing Bill Wonderlin. The GT expressed gratitude to Bill for his outstanding leadership over the past two years.

Next GT meeting will be February 4.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 pm.