

Morgantown Green Team (MGT) Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 4, 2010
Morgantown Public Library

Agenda items zero through 3

Chris Haddox called the meeting to order at ~ 4:10 PM, 11/04/2010.

Rich Dennis agreed to record meeting minutes.

Attendees: Chris Van Dyke, Will Reilly, Jim Eggie (Visitor), Don Spencer, Mathew Belcher (Visitor), Chris Haddox (MGT Chair), Reyan Hess (SP?), John Hall, Steve Woodruff, Bill Wonderlin, Jim Kotcon (Energy Sub Committee Chair), Ethan Gatrell, and Rich Dennis.

Introductions were made around the room. Two visitors attend the meeting, in part to fulfill a WVU class requirement.

Agenda modified and approved – Agenda item six was deleted (*How to get interview questions to potential city managers?*).

October 7, 2010 MGT meeting minutes were accepted with revisions. John Hall reported that he provided a MGT response back to city council (through interim city manager Jeff Mikorski) with regard to Paul Brown's presentation to Morgantown City Council. City council had provided the MGT a copy of Mr. Brown's presentation.

Agenda Item 4 - *Its Easy Being Green (IEGB)* Outreach Activity – Chris Haddox provided an overview of the MGT IEGB outreach activity that was held at the Morgantown Farmers Market on October 16, 2010. Several green team members attended (J. Kotcon, C. Van Dike, Bill Wonder, Chris Haddox and others). Many comments were received during the event. There appeared to be a number of comments focused on post consumer recycling. Meeting participants discussed the concept of using these comments as community feedback and as a way to publicizing MGT activities.

Action: Ethan Gatrell agreed to record the comments from the IEGB Outreach Activity.

Recommendation: Bill Wonderlin suggested that outreach activities like this be a recurring event.

Agenda Item 5 – Report to City Council

Plans are to have the MGT present to the city council on November 30, 2010 (Tuesday). Chris Haddox reported that the new city manager (Mr. Terrence Moore) starts December 21, 2010 (Tuesday).

Action: Chris Haddox offered to invite the new City Manager to the January 2011 Green Team Meeting (January 6, 2011)

Agenda Item 6 – Questions for the new city manager – Deleted (relevant action was completed).

Agenda Item 7 – Subcommittee Reports

There were no reports from the Architecture and Recycling Subcommittees.

Energy Subcommittee Report: Jim Kotcon presented a substantial Energy Subcommittee report (attachment 1) that assessed Constellation Energy's contract report to the city on "Post-Installation Measurement and Verification Report: Interior Lighting and Traffic Signal Upgrades, City of Morgantown, WV; (Sept. 13, 2010)" and energy use from the Morgantown City Hall Building (meter:11756560). In general the Constellation report shows a model projected reduction in energy use based on lighting upgrades and an associated reduction in the total cost for electricity. This trend was consistent with electricity use projected from the city hall building meter. The subcommittee provided a valuable assessment of the Constellation report and emphasized the need to develop a City wide base line of energy use. Additionally, the subcommittee report provides results and recommendations. Bill Wonderline recommended that the report be accepted, there were no objections.

There was considerable discussion regarding the need to base line city energy use. As a stop gap it was agreed that eight city meters and the associated building would be selected and the associated electricity consumption documented for the past 24 months.

Action: It was suggested that recommendations one (1) and two (2) from the Energy Subcommittee report be presented to the city manager.

Action: Ethan agreed to collect and report back to the MGT with meter numbers and associated buildings for up to eight meters.

City Report: Trevor Lloyd provided the City Report (Attachment 2) with two notable items: Grant Ave. Streetscape project and plans for the new Morgantown Market Place (see details below). The concept art for the Market Place was provided by the Mills Group, LLC.

Grant Ave. Streetscape – The project is wrapping up the installation of new amenities on Grant Avenue. These amenities include (some first for the city-1st): new wide sidewalks,

30 LED street lamps (1st); two formal bus stops with waiting areas, 4th street bus stop pavilion, and eight Big Belly solar powered trash compactors (1st).

Morgantown Market Place Plans - Preliminary concept drawings for the new Market Place were submitted. The design concept is adaptable to install solar panels and a water collection and cistern system. Plans are to collect project bids early in the year and start construction by early spring. The facility could be completed by the end of the 2011 season. Ryan Hess, a Green Team member, is one of the lead designers on this project and can be contacted for further questions.

Agenda Item 8 - Old Business

Ways of promoting the LED lighting on Grant Avenue were discussed.

Action: Chris Haddox agreed to follow up on LED publicity by talking with Jim Hunt.

Action: Chris Haddox agreed to provide an IEBG summary for the MGT Annual Report.

Agenda Item 9 - New Business

There was a brief discussion of building code specifications for energy efficiency ratings and designations. Discussion focused, in part, on the marginal up front cost increase for more efficient building designs and materials, and the understanding that some appraisers are not accounting for this added value when appraising an energy efficient home (*Energy Star Ratings*). It was suggested that the Architecture Subcommittee will follow-up on the under appraised home value issue.

Don Spencer reported on the need for legislative agenda items from the City (presumably) for the state by 11/24/2010. Draft items at this time include: home rule, total dissolved solids, city wide trash compact, energy conservation contract and building codes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.