Morgantown Green Team Thursday December 2, 2010 Morgantown Public Library

Attendance: Trevor Lloyd, Will Reilly, Ethan Gatrell, Chris Haddox (Chair), Don Spencer, Kaylin Christopher, Jody George, Emily Stump, Nelson France (nfrance@mix.wvu.edu), Olivia Audia (<u>oaudia23@gmail.com</u>), Mikel Lynn Pihakes, Alyssa Schmid, Rachael Allen, Larry Harris.

Chris Haddox called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Item1. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Item 2. Ethan will update IEBG information. Chris is still trying to get on the agenda for the Council of the Whole meeting. Perhaps the January meeting would work as the new City Manager, Terrence Moore, will be in attendance then.

Item 3: Committee Reports

Architecture Committee did not meet. The Energy Committee is planning a meeting for next week. They will have data on utility bills for several areas such as the new Fire Station, the LED lights on Grant Avenue, etc. Trevor and Ethan will continue to work on obtaining other utility bills to evaluate energy efficiency.

Item 4. City Report

Trevor pointed out that the LED street lights on Grant Avenue are well appreciated by residents and equally popular was the "big belly" trashcans. They will evaluate and compare the efficiency of the new streetlights to mercury vapor lights. He also mentioned that the grant for an asphalt-recycling program was not funded.

Item 5. New Business

Chris discussed a possible pilot project for the GT, in the area of Community Resilience. There is a computer program that assesses community awareness and emergency and disaster preparedness issues. He will keep the GT informed of the progress of this effort.

Larry Harris discussed the formation of the Appalachian Stewardship Foundation, a non-profit group that will receive mitigation funds from the Longview Power Plant, north of Morgantown. ASF will receive funds as a result of an air permit settlement between the power plant owners and Trout Unlimited, The Sierra Club and National Parks Conservation Association. The money is to be used for projects that overcome the negative impacts of coal fired power plants. This unique settlement will address acid rain treatment, stream restoration, carbon sequestration and carbon emission reduction projects. Longview Power will be going on line at the end of this summer and ASF will begin considering applications after they begin operation.

Don Spencer reported on the legislative priorities of the City Council. He discussed the need for a TDS standard of 500 ppm and concerns of the impacts of Marcellus Shale drilling on drinking water safety. They are pushing for a permitting system for water withdrawals and disclosure of the contents of fracking fluids. He mentioned the Upper Monongahela Compact meeting on Dec. 3 at the Airport.

Green Drinks is Friday, Dec. 11 at Jays, starting at 5 pm.

Next meeting is January 6, 2011. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm