

Green Team Minutes

February 4, 2010

Attendance: Bill Wonderlin, Linda Durfee, Trevor Lloyd, Chris Van Dyke, Amelia Martin, Nate Askins, Erik Edwards, Steve Woodruff, Will Reilly, Ginger Stern (gstern@mix.wvu.edu), Max Reinke (max.reinke@gmail.com), Ryan Hess, Patrick Kirby (Patrick.kirby@email.wvu.edu), Shiela Westfall, Daniel Bonasso, Jim Kotcon, Don Spencer, Megan Nedzinski, Chris Haddox, Larry Harris.

Chris Haddox called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm. He introduced the new interns, Ginger Stern (Energy) and Max Reinke (IEBG). He also commended Bill Wonderlin on his leadership of the Green Team for the past 2.5 years.

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

Item 2. City Report

Trevor discussed the funding of the energy and IEBG interns. He suggested that the energy intern could do a feasibility study the replacement of streetlights with LED or inductive lights. Allegheny Power is resisting the change, but this study may help move things along. He also mentioned moving forward with the brochure to accompany building permit applications. The GT previously approved this brochure approach for highlighting Green building alternatives.

Trevor mentioned the meetings of City Council with neighborhood associations and invited a GT member to attend on Feb. 8. He mentioned that the 2009 State Building Codes had several of the green, energy conservation provisions dropped. Megan asked if the City could adopt policies more stringent than the State Fire Marshall? Yes but we would need to get Council approval. Kotcon will follow up on this.

We also discussed how to approve items for the web calendar. There was discussion of just who the GT approved members might be and the email lists.

Item 3. It's Easy Being Green (IEBG)

Chris Van Dyke discussed the IEBG website which he now can get approval for changes or additions in just a few days. He asked for suggestions on the site and also the need for a statement of purpose for IEBG. Links to the Dominion Post articles were suggested .

Megan reported that the Green Night at the library was a success and the Feb. 18 Night features green cleaning materials, organized by Karen Woodfork. April will be Green Gardening. Megan mentioned the need for everyone to frequently check the calendar to update events. The Home Show is March 11-12 and Bill had arranged for us to have a free booth. Bill suggested that Max will help get materials ready for this and Nate Askins volunteered to help.

Pat Kirby mentioned that he has contacted Generation Morgantown to discuss future collaborations. Jim Kotcon mentioned March 15 was Cool Cities Buildings week, in which tours of local green buildings could occur, including the new Fire House (could be done during Fire Safety week also)

The Dominion Post had 2 articles on IEBG today and is looking for new topics for their green page. Articles of 500 words on various green topics are desired. Pat Kirby suggested advertisers of green businesses could be on that page.

Energy Committee (Kotcon)

The committee met and discussed the following:

1. City energy budget and goals for climate protection
2. Green buildings
3. Look at progress on savings for energy (CCT contract)
4. Hydrodam in river

They felt that the highest priorities were the lighting issue and fuel consumption by the fleet. The energy intern could work on a feasibility study of the use of inductive lighting (80% savings) and LED lighting (90% savings). With a comprehensive study of the above issues carried out with the help of the intern, the GT can encourage Council to move forward. Don mentioned traffic lights should also be considered.

Megan discussed paying for the Green Guide developed by WVU students: donation of \$500 will be paid. Bill pointed out the continuing need to have a budgetary meeting for IEBG. The total budget is \$8000 and Dan Boroff must approve purchases.

We discussed the Green Directory and Ryan will be working on content for this. Megan mentioned Green Drinks tonight at 6 pm at the WV Brewpub.

Recycling: Linda Durfee discussed the need to increase composting, citing the huge number of fall leaves residents put out. She also asked why milk and OJ cartons are not recycled.

New Business

Nate asked what happened to the *Green Building Workshop*. Bill said the Chamber of Commerce was for it but efforts flagged and plans were suspended. Need to get contractors together to discuss this.

The *WV Go Green* meeting at WV Wesleyan was mentioned as was the Home Show; the latter will have a booth for GT.

Don Spencer mentioned the need to make an IEBG Banner which he will order. Council met with Randy Huffman, Secretary of the DEP, on TDS issues. A 500 ppm standard was called for in a bill by Tim Manchin (HB 4001), however penalties are not covered.

He mentioned a River Summit meeting on April 19. He discussed cataloging needs (green taxis in Morgantown) and accomplishments: Sunnyside Up, Dorsey Park, Green Team, etc. He suggested that Mayor Byrne be contacted to support the roof project for the Farmers Market. He mentioned a worldwide climate initiative where green efforts can be shared internationally: ClimateActionMap.org website outlines the program.

Next meeting is March 4.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Larry Harris, Secretary