

Morgantown Green Team Minutes, October 2011

Attendees: Lauren Brennan, Chris Haddox, Trevor Lloyd, Susan Sullivan, Bill Wonderlin, Chris Van Dyke, Tim Stranko, Will Reilly

Introductions: Susan Sullivan, Communications Director for Morgantown

Announcements:

Green Building Conference hosted by Green Works and Habitat for Humanity WV: November 17ish, big push for energy star, key audience- Habitat participants throughout WV, Builders/Contractors, and General Public

Tuesday, October 11 @ 6:00pm- Board of Education meeting about Woodburn School site

- City Greenspace issue
 - Not an open meeting for public participation
 - Green Team member should be present to hear what's going on
 - There exists the need for city-wide input and visioning rather than planning behind closed doors
1. City Vehicle Fleet Update: Rich is pleased with Trevor's input and he is making progress.
Next Step: to 'test run' a comprehensive plan and present it to City Council
 2. Street Lighting Update: Meeting next Thursday or Friday with First Energy
Green Team is very interested in LED lighting and the formulation of a franchise agreement
 3. Monongalia Morgantown Municipal Planning Organization (MMMPO) meeting:
Meeting for Downtown Visioning
Action: Tim will be bringing Morgantown's Comprehensive plan which is the foundation for all planning and zoning to November's meeting
How can the Green Team put in our two cents?
Goals: Coordinate the Neighborhood Councils, Include specific targets for the future
 4. Baseline Update: No update at this time
 5. Sample policy guide for City facilities update: City buildings are doing pretty well with energy saving features such as auto-off lights
 - a. Suggestions are coming from City employees after November 2
 - b. The Roof on the City Hall building is about 20 years old and needs to be replaced
 - c. New roof is to have an R-40 reflectivity rating
 - d. Current City Hall is bursting at the seams and extremely inefficient
 - i. Build a new City Hall? Or,
 - ii. Renovate existing City Hall?

ACTION: Trevor will keep us updated
 6. Energy Efficient WV
 - a. They are in the ear of the WV Public Service Commission
 - b. Questions are being submitted today
 - c. They will be presenting at the Green Building Conference with Habitat for Humanity
 - d. They exist as a Grassroots Organization
 7. Greenspace Update: Greg Good has sent a couple of files to Bill and he will be visiting in November. Ella Belling also has some Greenspace planning/visioning documents
 8. Marcellus Update: Fracking has commenced
 - a. Lawsuits have already been brought forth
 - b. Should OSHA be regulating? (There is no defined list of toxins, how can they regulate what is not known?)

- c. October 11 is the last date for public comment to DEP about the draft rule
- 9. Performance Contract update: Current state= Dormant, time has come to un-dormatize
 - a. Once there are definitive stats, we can start making suggestions/ plans
 - b. Initial report from the Contracting Company is available, however there is no final report at this time

ACTION: To Be Retrieved...

- 10. City Report: Green Team needs to provide the city with a report of what we've accomplished and what is to come for the future. We should reference the last report.
- 11. Outreach update: Revitalize Green night, poke the list serve to find a potential social chair.
- 12. Other Business: ICLEI- helps municipalities get a handle on emissions and can provide a framework for us to work off of.
 - a. Tomoko from the WV Hub helped with Fayetteville development for greater efficiency
 - b. We have the capacity to do, perhaps more so, than the plan suggests
 - c. We are looking forward to having a Representative from ICLEI present to the Green Team
 - d. This is an effort worth revisiting and learning more about

Chris Haddox calls the meeting to a close at 5:00pm