

Minutes of the Morgantown Green Team
Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011
Morgantown Public Library

Present: Nate Askins, Trevor Lloyd, John Hall, Jim Kotcon, Richj Dennis, Chris Haddox, Don Spencer, Will Reilly, Linda Durfee, Chris VanDyke, Taz Rohr, Megan Nedzinski.

Note: Action items and Task commitments in **Bold**

Chris Haddox called the meeting to order at 4 PM. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, with two corrections to name spellings (Pam, not Pat; and Stranko, not Strako).

Taz Rohr introduced himself and indicated he was sitting in for WVU SGA Governor Olivia Audia. They are hosting Sustainable Awareness Week Feb. 7-11 at WVU, and will have a booth in the MountainLair.

City Street Lights. No progress has been reported on this in the last six months. Tim Stranko had indicated he wanted to follow up as this is a priority for improving energy efficiency. White LED lights were proposed as one option with high energy efficiency. **Chris Haddox will contact Stranko** to inquire about next steps. **Trevor Lloyd indicated he would** also approach the new City Manager about this on Monday.

Building Energy Codes. Megan discussed a DOE report on 2009 IECC requirements, and provided calculations showing that WV homeowners would save \$221-238 per year. Additional calculations were provided using construction costs from two builders and showed that the construction/installation costs, including debt service, would be paid for by the energy savings, contradicting previous arguments from builders. Discussion ensued as to how and when the Green Team should present this information to City Council. **Chris Haddox agreed to ask** the Fire Marshall about changes in Fire and building energy codes since July 1, and inquire as to whether the City can now adopt more stringent codes than the state Fire Code. There is also a need to clarify these issues with regard to appraisers and bankers, as well as builders.

US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Rich Dennis described efforts to identify a baseline. Few literature reports are available describing cities that did energy baselines. Even fewer distinguish residential, commercial and municipal sectors. Trevor indicated that a new Director of Finance (Joe Sabatini?) has started and this might be a time to gather information on energy and fuel use.

Trevor described new data on City traffic lights as part of the City Report. Jim Kotcon reported that, based on data provided from electric meters, the new lights reduced electricity consumption by approximately 70 %. This is still a relatively small energy use, compared to some of the larger buildings, but it indicates that kinds of savings that might occur with more efficient City Street Lights.

The Energy Committee will meet on Feb. 14 at 4 PM in room G-138 South Agr. Sciences, and will review additional energy data.

John Hall raised concerns about a letter to the editor of the Dominion Post regarding reports that recycling materials were being landfilled. John indicated he had seen this three times in his neighborhood as well. There were also concerns expressed about the difficulty in getting recycling bins for neighborhood residents, some complained that none were provided in spite of repeated calls. **Trevor indicated he would contact Tom Arnold.**

Megan reported that the next Green Drinks event will be 5 PM, Feb. 18, at Jays Getaway.

Jim Kotcon moved to adjourn at 5:40 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Jim Kotcon, acting, interim, drafted, ad hoc secretary.