

Morgantown Green Team January 6, 2012 Minutes

Attendees: Lauren Brennan, Tom Arnold, Bill Wonderlin, Susan Sullivan, Garth Lindley, Ella Belling, Chris Haddox, Jim Kotcon, Brian (hard to read last name) Cardell, Pamela Cubberly

Meeting called to order 4:05

Approval of December's minutes

Newbie introductions: Brian Cardell from Mountain View Solar

1. Susan's update added to the agenda:
 - Morgantown's Energy Sustainability Guidelines modeled from Homer, Alaska's guide for the City Plan. This plan includes:
 - Lighting
 - Heating/ cooling
 - Transportation
 - Green capabilities in Fire/ Police Stations and other municipal buildings
 - Etc.
 - Morgantown's guide includes what we have already in place, what we would like to see in the future, and realistic goals to work towards.
 - This plan sets up a number of *guidelines*, not *policies*.
 - It will be a living document, ever changing with the progress of the city
 - This guide will be available to view on the City of Morgantown's website as well as the Green Team's website

ACTION: All are to read over the guide and offer suggestions.

2. Mountain View (MTV) Solar: West Virginia owned company based out of Charleston using U.S. made products. Offering both Residential and Commercial solar technologies.
 - Hope to establish solar technologies and policies in Morgantown
 - For renewable energy sources and job development
 - They provide the option to adopt solar technologies
 - Offer tax incentives: 30% uncapped federal tax credit
 - A culture to produce a greater quality of life
 - Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations
 - Advocate net metering

3. Fleet Analysis Update: Rich has the spreadsheet ready to test drive (no pun intended)

ACTION NEEDED: Someone to enter data

Intern?

Volunteer?

AmeriCorps/ Vista?

ACTION: Spreadsheet will be e-mailed to Trevor who will assess and determine the workload for calculating cost efficiency and updating the billing system for the City's engineering dept.

4. First Energy update: An agreement has been made up for the City

ACTION: Trevor will be sending out the document

- In the works: crafting a pilot for what is to be accomplished next.
5. Green Building Conference with Habitat for Humanity update:
 - Very successful, the workshops went well
 - Center for Excellence in Disabilities at WVU will be utilizing universal design systems
 - Question of holding the annual conference here in Morgantown
 6. Crossroads Visioning Meeting update
 - City Planner Chris Fletcher asked Chris Haddox to participate in the focus group meetings
 - Visioning will go towards the Morgantown Comprehensive Plan
 - A group out of Ohio will be drawing up the plan
- ACTION: Green Teamers should be present at the meetings
7. Tom Arnold with Solid Waste Authority update:
 - The Solid Waste Advisory Board completed a number of studies in neighboring states' university cities in 2007.
 - A consolidated report was put together in 2009 to offer suggestions for solving problems within trash management. It addresses:
 - Waste reduction
 - Student housing
 - Problems existing internally
 - Residential recycling in student housing areas
 - Partnering with neighborhood associations
 - Studies show there is an extremely low percentage being recycled annually in Morgantown.
 - Approximately 14,400 tons of solid waste/ year is collected,
 - Of that, only 600- 700 tons is recycled
 - The goal is to change the culture of waste management
 - A proposition will be composed and presented before the committee of the whole to determine next steps. The presentation will include the following propositions:
 - Single stream recycling services- for convenience, to encourage more recycling
 - Culture Change
 - No voting on this proposition will occur immediately
 - Recommendations will be expressed verbally

Ella's interest on the topic consists of a pay/ bag mandate ("pay as you throw") to encourage waste reduction and equitability.

ACTION:

Information dissemination

Support from the Green Team

Review of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan to offer suggestions

Involvement level will be determined after the Committee of the Whole meeting

Ella will be the Green Team's information liason

8. Trevor update: Constellation Energy has just released their report to review

ACTION: Trevor will be distributing this report electronically

9. Pam update: Working on updating the library systems, will be needing a period of planning before implementation

10. Jim proposes the Energy committee should meet

ACTION: Corresponding via e-mail

11. Executive decision made to change our meeting time to 5:30pm, all are in agreement.

Meeting adjourns at 5:30.