

MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY  
MEETING

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 – Community Center

Members present: John Lippert, Herb Reed, Matt Berres, Megan Hughes, Ed James, and Michael Hartman. Visitors: Jane Young, Matt Dirksen, Lore Rosenthal, and Bill Orleans.

Staff liaison: Luisa Robles.

Absences: Maggie Cahalan, Jamie Phillip, and Konrad Herling.

Excused absences:

Call to order: 7:35 pm

1. July minutes were approved with previous corrections.
2. Sustainability master plan.
  - a. John made corrections/improvements to the Energy Sector and uploaded it. He is using several scales for various goals. The scales are: 1) Municipal government/City government; 2) Institutional (such as churches, GHI); 3) Residential; 4) Commercial.
  - b. Following the Temecula master plan, it was noticed that some sectors, like Energy, will have sufficient data and progress that they will be able to propose specific targets and action items, whereas sectors such as Water or Food Security might only be able to fill out the goals and indicators sections.
  - c. While doing research for the Energy sector, John called David Moran to ask about the Chevron assessment. Dave said it was done around 2005 or before. A dialogue ensued as to what date to use as the baseline. The group agreed that since most jurisdictions are using 2005, and since we have more solid data since then, that is a good year to use as a baseline.
  - d. The group agreed to peer review the sections that are ready. Megan will read Land Use, John – Water, Jane – Waste, Matt B – Transportation and Energy, Luisa – Transportation, Matt D – All. Green ACES agreed to date and initial and use “track changes” to avoid confusion.
  - e. The Food Security section still needs to be written; Herb said he would work on it. Michael said he would review the Transportation sector so it is in accordance with the Temecula master plan, and will let Luisa and Matt know when it’s ready to review.
3. Labor Day Festival Preparations.
  - a. Jane, John, and Luisa conducted a training session on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at Greenbelt Community Church. They gave a talk on recycling to the congregation and then continued with a training session for the children who are going to volunteer in the Festival.
  - b. Jane, John and Luisa conducted a training session on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works building. Several Girl Scouts and their leaders showed up. They had good ideas as to how to generate awareness about recycling during the Festival. Amongst several things, they are going to work on poster boards they can carry to show people what goes in which bin.
  - c. Volunteers are being asked to bring milk cartons or similar containers for fluids (trying to keep them off the landfill weight).

- d. The volunteers are going to be in charge of a zone. There will be 4 or 5 zones: 1) the stage zone, 2) the food vendor zone – perhaps this should be divided into two zones, 3) the zone with the balloon games and stuffed animals, 4) the bingo zone.
  - e. It was stressed in both training sessions that a friendly attitude will be very important. Whenever addressing festival attendees the volunteers need to be nice and smiley. Make it fun for everyone!
  - f. Lore sent out several emails to various institutions asking for volunteers.
  - g. A similar questionnaire will be used this year to grade the booths. The grading will be done on Saturday morning. People participating are Jane and John, for sure. Michael, Megan and Luisa, most likely.
  - h. Jane's friend Stacy Hindalong will construct the schedule of volunteers.
4. Multi City Environmental Boards and Commissions Meeting Preparations. - Michael has not sent the invitation, but he says there is time since the meeting is not until October. He said he needs to talk some things over with Luisa. The Public Works building has been reserved, but the group said it would be inconvenient since it is not within easy walking distance from the New Deal Cafe. They have asked Luisa to look into getting the room upstairs in the Community Center that has a larger capacity.
  5. Community Gardens. - Ed said that the ball is in the Garden Club's court. They are supposed to give Green ACES in writing the things they want support with. The Gardens can be included in the Food Security section of the Sustainability framework.
  6. The thermal leak detectors ([http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/green\\_steps/thermal\\_leak.html](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/green_steps/thermal_leak.html)) and Sustainability Measures pages have been updated on the City's website – Thank you Bev! Matt D. brought up the point that once people have the information on the temperature differential obtained by the thermal leak detector, what will they do with it? First Green ACES needs to start promoting the detectors, and then we need to start educating people on what to do with the information and how to deal with the issues that come up.
  7. Recycling at Franklin Park. They have recycling bins in 13 locations!
  8. WE CAN Save Energy Campaign:
    - a. Konrad, Lore and Michael got the names-emails-phone numbers of the three contact people for Roosevelt Center, Greenway Plaza and Beltway Plaza. What next?
    - b. John says the Earth Aid website is terrible! It is really not functional anymore.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm but some people stayed and continued the discussion.