

MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY MEETING

Tuesday, June 28, 2011 – Community Center

Members present: John Lippert, Ed James, Michael Hartman, Matt Berres.
Staff liaison: Luisa Robles. Excused absences: Konrad Herling, Megan Hughes, Maggie Cahalan. Absences: Herb Reed, Roody Rosales. Visitors: Jane Young, Joan Rohlfs, Bill Orleans, Lore Rosenthal.

Call to order: 7:03 pm

1. May minutes were approved.
2. WE CAN Save Energy Campaign:
 - a. Joan Rohlfs - Environmental Resources Program Director - Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments presented a Certificate of Appreciation to both Green ACES and GCAN for their participation on the WE CAN Save Energy Campaign. Joan said that COG was very impressed with Greenbelt and the enthusiasm people showed in getting the word out and helping people to sign up. She said that the program will continue but that COG wants to have more control of the website, what kinds of announcements they can make, when, etc. She asked for ideas on improving the program.
 - b. Green ACES commented on the program and mentioned that the only social network aspect of the Earth Aid platform was the fact that one could join a group and become friends with other members and see their graphs, but no communication between members was possible. A good feature to have would be to be able to talk to other people and ask about what is working for them in terms of saving energy. It was also mentioned that no local businesses had signed up and that Green ACES wants to put an effort into that so that we can tie the energy saving aspect with the buying local aspect.
3. Sustainability master plan.
 - a. Michael and Konrad worked on the “transportation” section and have posted it on the Google site. John worked on the “energy” section and uploaded it to a different place on the site. Matt started working on his sections too, “water” and “land use”. A discussion ensued as to how to structure the site so that it is easy to upload documents and share. Lore said she could make some changes. The group also talked about the amount of detail to have in the framework. It was reiterated that we want to follow the Temecula framework which is simple, concise and understandable; no essays on the importance of sustainability nor on any of the different sections/issues.
 - b. Luisa shared the City’s goals as described in the “sustainability” page of the budget book for FY 2012, as well as the City’s energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions as measured by ICLEI’s software. Luisa also pointed the group to COG’s goals and City’s progress - <http://www.mwcog.org/uploads/committee->

[documents/a15WWlrf20110601114346.pdf](#) . The group agreed to look at the documents and incorporate what has already been done into their sections for the framework.

4. Street lighting EECBG grant review. - Green ACES recommends a test pilot of a side-by-side comparison of exterior LED, induction, and existing lighting before proceeding with a larger lighting project. LED is still an immature technology with substantial product variability in quality and durability. Induction lighting has been around much longer and is a proven technology, although it uses small amounts of mercury; it lasts longer than LEDs; and induction lighting may be less expensive than LED lighting. If Greenbelt establishes a demonstration project that includes LEDs and Induction lighting for comparison, it could be counted as one of the actions for the Sustainable Maryland Certification.
5. Clean Currents Campaign. – John and Jane have asked Maggie to complete the necessary paperwork so that CHEARS can receive the \$300 donation.
6. Labor Day.
 - a. Jane and Michael will work on a flier asking for volunteers based on comments Lore made of bulleting the paragraph for easier reading.
 - b. Green ACES decided not to participate on Information Day (Saturday, September 3rd) as the group already has too many things going on for the Labor Day Festival. Lore said that GCAN will have a table and distribute information relevant to both Green ACES and GCAN.
7. Multi City Meeting. - Green ACES has agreed to host at the New Deal Café and then head to Public Works. Details need to be worked out. To be discussed at next meeting.
8. Thermal leak detectors. - John and Jane have donated 4 detectors for the City and 4 for GHI. John and Matt worked on the instruction sheet to put on the website.

Adjournment: 9:15 pm. Informal discussion continued.