

MINUTES FOR THE GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2009 – Community Center, Room 114

Members present: Ed James, John Lippert, Marti Galvin, Mary Chapman, Joyce Griffin. Staff liaison: Luisa F. Robles. Excused absences: Jim Kelly, Matt Berres. Absent: Maggie Cahalan, Konrad Herling

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

1. *Name clarification.* Cindy Murray brought to Luisa's attention a confusion about the committee's name. Luisa asked clarification as to whether the group's name is: Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability or Greenbelt Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability. The group unanimously said "Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability."
2. *Earth Day Celebration and Public Works Open House.* Luisa thanked Ed, John, his wife Jane, and Marti for participating in this event. Marti commented on the recycling table; she mentioned that close to 100 to 150 people came by. She received lots of positive feedback about the new yes/no flier, and about the display table with the red and green cloths. John commented on the energy table. He had several items such as a TV, strings of light, etc, and showed people how to use a Kill-a-watt meter and how much energy the different appliances used.

John has approached the Greenbelt library to see if they could accept a few donated Kill-a-watt meters to loan to people, just like they loan DVDs. John told the library people that there are other libraries already doing this in the US and in Canada. He sensed reluctance on behalf of the librarian, but they said they would ask someone higher up to see if this is possible. Other options to loan the Kill-a-watt meters would be to have some in GHI, at the PW building, and with HOA's presidents.

3. *T-shirt vendor.* All Earth Day T-shirts were gone by the end of the day. The committee commented that perhaps we could get a better deal with a different T-shirt vendor. John said he might know someone. Luisa said she would bring the quote of the current vendor (Stitchin It).
4. *Council recommendations update.* The recommendation to council about encouraging recycling at the workplace will be placed on their agenda. The Council Action Request Recommendation to look into the trash can issue was accepted.
5. *Greenman Festival.* Green ACES is registered to participate at the festival. The group talked about organization and scheduling.
6. *Green Cities Conference.* Luisa distributed information Mayor Davis sent on a conference she attended in Portland OR about sustainability at the city level.
7. *Luisa's report:* Public Works moved to the new building on April 10. Luisa gave a talk on recycling to the Greenbrook homeowner's association on April 13. On Wednesday, April 29, Luisa, Mike McLaughlin, Dave Moran, Kenny Hall, Carolyn Clemens and Lesley Riddle of the City of Greenbelt met with Megan Hughes and Jennifer Cotting of the Environmental Finance Center (EFC), to discuss Greenbelt's green plans and how the EFC might help us find grants or other sources of funding for our projects. Public Works had an electronics recycling event and a Shredding event on Saturday May 2. We had 195 cars that stopped by. 59 CPUs, 61 monitors, 64 Televisions were taken to recycling, amongst many other computer paraphernalia and other electronic items.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.