

MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
MEETING

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 – Community Center

Members present: John Lippert, Megan Hughes, Maggie Cahalan, Ed James, Michael Hartman

Visitors: Jane Young, Christine McElroy, Silke Pope, Bill Orleans

Staff liaison: Luisa Robles.

Council liaison: Konrad Herling

Excused absences: Herb Reed. Eva Fallon just resigned

Absences: Matt Berres

Call to order:

1. January minutes approved with corrections.
2. Green ACES gave a recap of the GCAN meeting where they gave a presentation of what the group does, and about the master plan. Participants broke off into groups which went around different stations, one for each topic of the master plan, and gave ideas, opinions and contacts for further action. Jane mentioned she thought the meeting had gone really well. Most of the notes are transcribed.
3. Sustainability Master Plan:
 - A) Complete email addresses for all stakeholders. Lore sent a matrix with the identified allies thus far, but many of them need contact info. Luisa said she had added contact info for allies in the Waste section. Michael, Maggie and John said they would look for the contact info for the allies in their groups. Maggie says we should invite churches, Girl Scouts, etc.
 - B) To organize the Saturday work session Megan said she would send out a Doodle poll to chart available dates for most.
 - C) Based on the City of Temecula, CA's Sustainability Plan (<http://laserfiche.cityoftemecula.org/WebLink8/ElectronicFile.aspx?docid=241368&&dbid=2>), we need to gather some baseline information. Luisa said she could provide that information.
 - D) Transportation plan. Michael distributed handouts with their group's information. John commented that it is a good compilation of transportation issues, but we need to come up with action items, something that is doable within the City. Maggie commented that for every goal there needs to be an action associated with it, and one year, two year, etc ranges of milestones. John says that once we have clear goals, we need to say HOW we are planning to achieve them. Does the City have a transportation plan? Konrad says no. We should not be reinventing the wheel. We need to look at the **County's Transportation Plan** to see if there is anything we should be doing.
4. We Can Save Energy Campaign:
 - A) Thus far there are 99 people signed up in Greenbelt! We have met the minimum of 50 people. We would like to continue promoting with individuals to sign up and start promoting businesses. Get local merchants connected to start offering rewards. Konrad said he would get a list of businesses associations with contacts. Luisa showed the letter Maia Davis sent to several merchants. Michael commented on Barbara Simon's Community Development Corporation, where businesses get together to do things for the community. Who wants to

volunteer to take the lead to sign up merchants? John, Michael and Matt will coordinate. Council might be able to call for a United Merchants meeting.

- B) We Can Save Energy **Signup Event**. Green ACES needs to speak with Karim to make sure it's okay for us to set up with a few laptops. Megan, Luisa, Michael and Maggie volunteer for this effort. We'll need promotional info, ads in the News Review, fliers – talk to Roody for Greenbelt East, and Shery? For Franklin Park. Remember to start a database of emails for those people who sign up.
- C) The emails will help us start a "**support group**" for the people who are already signed up. GCAN would like to partner in this effort. An article could be written for the News Review and information sent to the Greenbelters list. Eventually we should be able to use Earth Aid's platform to communicate with all registered people.

- 5. Clean Currents flier for city website. Lore sent Eva and Matt a flier, but it is not on the city website yet. Eva has just resigned. The task should be reassigned.
- 6. Letter for J Davis in support of Greenbelt's participation in Sustainable Maryland Certified. Megan said she would compose a draft and send it to Michael, John and Jane to finalize.
- 7. Is someone willing to take the lead on applying for a Margaret Rosch Jones Award? Maggie would like to get financial help to make a rain garden for Greenbelt West. The area for the Three Sisters Garden is a bit on the wet side and a rain garden would be more appropriate. John would like to apply to establish a recharging station for electric vehicles. Luisa would like a grant to purchase recycling bins. Michael thinks the municipality should not apply and that we should not compete with Maggie as she probably has the best chances of winning the award.

Luisa's announcements:

- 8. Earth Day is going to be celebrated on April 16th. Public Works will have the usual Open House. Does Green ACES want to participate with a table? Do we want to do plantings or something else?
- 9. GEAC's meeting where Green ACES and GCAN were presenting was moved to Monday, March 7, 2011.
- 10. The Maryland Multicity Boards and Committees meeting will be hosted by Gaithersburg in the Spring. Green ACES has volunteered to host in the Fall.

Adjournment: 9:10 pm