

MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
MEETING

Tuesday, July 26, 2011 – Community Center

Members present: John Lippert, Matt Berres, Michael Hartman, Herb Reed, Megan Hughes, Maggie Cahalan, Jamie Phillips.

Council liaison: Konrad Herling. Staff liaison: Luisa Robles.

Excused absences: Ed James

Visitors: Jane Young, Lore Rosenthal.

Call to order: 7:34 pm

1. June minutes were approved.
2. Multi City Meeting.
 - a) Michael Hartman will compose the invitation to the environmental groups and commissions. It will include the suggestion to have dinner at the New Deal Café before the meeting (showcasing Greenbelt's livability/walkability). The meeting will take place at the Public Works building (showcasing our environmentally friendly facility).
 - b) Meeting to take place on Tuesday, October 25.
 - c) Green ACES would like to be more inclusive and invite more cities from around the region.
 - d) Perhaps we could have a guest speaker. Potential topic: community gardens in various areas.
3. Sustainability master plan.
 - a. John spoke about the Energy sector of the framework. He has included the information that the City is already working on and the goals to which the City has committed. He also shared that he looked for some of the goals to suggest on those by the State and COG.
 - b. Megan and Matt presented the introductory page to the document. The group made some suggestions regarding language and the inclusion of the suggestion of a Green Team.
 - c. Matt has been working on the Water and Land use sectors and is having a hard time coming up with goals.
 - d. Michael presented his work on the Transportation sector. From what the group read it seems the write-up of this sector needs work in terms of the correct wording for goals, indicators, etc.
 - e. Megan and Luisa agreed to present the Waste sector by next meeting.
4. Welcome our new member – Jamie Phillips, who recently graduated from St Mary's College. The group did a round of introductions.
5. Labor Day.
 - a. The Labor Day Festival Committee had agreed, and they verified, that they will ask the vendors to not use Styrofoam at all and the theme for booth decoration will be "recycling and green".

- b. Jane has been recruiting volunteers at her church and the Farmers' Market; and has composed a flier with Michael's help asking for volunteers for the News Review, emailing, etc.
 - c. Green ACES asked how many sets of trash/recyclables will there be? Where will they be located? Can we get a map? How can we measure the amount of trash and recyclables that are being generated? – Luisa said she will talk with Kenny about all those questions.
 - d. Luisa and Jane agreed to do all the training for the volunteers. Lore will send the flier to the Green Certified schools.
 - e. Green ACES will need a place to do face painting, distribute sashes, give information to volunteers, etc.
6. Community Gardens. Herb shared that on September 24 there will be a training in Riverdale on community gardens, cover crops and soil health. Perhaps we can disseminate. Lore mentioned that that day there will be many climate change related activities.

Adjournment: 9:05 pm