

HMSC Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes: Dec. 1, 2009

Present: Anjanette Baker, Rick Brown, Todd Cross, Judy Mullen, Sharon Nieukirk, Curt Whitmire, Tom Wainwright

Next Meeting: January 5, 2010, Library Seminar Room, 10:30am-Noon

Meeting w/HMSC Management Group: January 12, 2010, 1:30-3:00, Library Seminar Room

Next Brownbag: Laura Uhler, Solar Ki, Inc. on January 13th, noon – 1:00pm, Library Seminar Room

Minutes can be found online at: <http://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/minutes.html>

I. Presentation for the HMSC Management Committee

The Sustainability Committee is preparing to meet with the HMSC Management group on January 12, 2010. We identified these points for possible inclusion in a powerpoint presentation to be shown at that time:

- a. Mission statement: *To promote, demonstrate and implement sustainable practices at HMSC and to encourage adoption of such practices within the HMSC community.*
- b. History of the Sustainability Committee
- c. Our three-pronged objectives: education; making sustainable improvements at HMSC as well as in our homes.
- d. Committee accomplishments: Commuter Survey, Brownbags, Recyclemania, recycling bins/program, wormbin, earthtub
- e. Development of Environmental Management System underway (EMS)
- f. Biggest Problem: How best to communicate and coordinate with various HMSC agencies to implement green improvements? How can the Sustainability Committee incorporate itself into these agencies in a positive way that will produce green changes? How can we gather information about what green efforts are already underway around the center that may become more collaborative? Can we visit various agency meetings and work with them on monthly basis?
- g. Ask for buy-in from all HMSC agencies on particular quarterly topics
- h. Goals for committee: get representative from every HMSC agency on our committee; visit other agency committees; create a website
- i. Enumerate some simple green projects that we think can be implemented easily, such as metal recycling and water catchment
- j. Measure baseline data and work toward making improvements in greenhouse gas emissions; Help move center toward climate neutrality.
- k. Ask Management Committee how they can use this committee. Ask what they see us doing for this campus.

Action: Sharon and Anjanette will prepare the powerpoint presentation; committee will preview it on Jan. 5th meeting.

Action: Tom will present our talk/powerpoint to the Management Committee on Jan. 12th.

Action: All committee members will attend the presentation on Jan. 12

We are very glad to have new member, Rick Brown, attending our meeting. He made some helpful suggestions regarding meeting with the HMSC Management group, to which he also belongs. He suggests we ask the management committee how the Sustainability Committee can be used for the benefit of the HMSC campus. Rick believes the largest problem we face is one of communication and collaboration across the many agencies located at HMSC; we need to find a way to implement sustainable practices in an efficient way without duplicating research time and costs. How can our group be inserted into each agency and/or best used at the HMSC campus? What services would the various groups like to see us perform? How can we collaborate on green improvements?

II. Ideas for adding members to the Sustainability Committee

Our committee has grown smaller since a few members have moved away; we hope to recruit new members. Curt will ask Julie Scheurer (NOAA/NWFSC) if she will join our committee (Julie.scheurer@noaa.gov) Arlene Merems cannot be part of the committee at this time, but will ask other ODFW staff if they can attend. We can send our meeting agenda to the HMSC community list, inviting new members each month. Invite Bob Moch, HMSC Business Office Manager, to our committee meeting.

We noted that there are many meetings held the 1st week of the month; perhaps we should change our meeting date to gain attendees?

Action: Curt will ask Julie Scheurer (NOAA/NWFSC) if she will join our committee (Julie.scheurer@noaa.gov)

III. EMS Update

Tom created a spreadsheet of our current EMS objectives, targets, and tasks as a brainstorm sheet. Committee members will send Tom more ideas for how we can meet these objectives in a measurable way.



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Action: All committee members will send Tom some ideas.

IV. Worm bin

Action: Curt will ask staff at the Barry Fisher Building if anyone is interested in taking the wormbin home.

V. Future Brownbag Possibilities

Laura Uhler, Solar Ki, Corvallis (per Randy Walker)
Caren Braby or David Fox: discuss new ODFW building specs
Michael and Sally Noack: composting/wormbins
Someone to talk about the Port of Newport plan for NOAA ships

Action: Randy will set a date in January for Laura Uhler (Solar Ki) to talk at Brownbag about solar power

Action: Curt will talk to Caren Braby or David Fox about a possible brownbag about the ODFW building plan

VI. For future agendas:

Debrief meeting with HMSC Management group; Next Brownbag; Webpage Creation; Commuter Survey; EMS; Dark Sky Update; Earthtub/Wormbin; New Committee Chair