

HMSC Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes: January 5, 2010
Barry Fisher Room, Guin Library

Members Present: Anjanette Baker, Rick Brown, Todd Cross, Jennifer Menkel, Judy Mullen, Sharon Niekirk, Randy Walker, Thomas Wainwright, Curt Whitmire, Jay Peterson

1. Prepare Presentation for the HMSC Management Committee (for January 12th meeting)

The committee members spent most of the meeting time working collaboratively on a powerpoint presentation to be shown to the HMSC Management Committee. Sharon Niekirk had already prepared an excellent “starter draft” of the presentation with some creative graphics. The group viewed it and provided suggestions for possible edits and additions. Together we arrived at some of these conclusions:

- We need to ask for each agency to supply at least one member to our committee
- Enhancing communication among the agencies located at HMSC is an important goal of this committee
- Lack of communication between agencies about sustainability issues is problematic; we want to share information and experience across agency boundaries to save time and money for everyone.
- Metal recycling and water catchment might be “no-brainer” projects that can be accomplished simply
- Broad Committee goals: improve operations, support sustainability mandates, educate staff and public, and lead by example
- We can track progress by creating an Environmental Management System (EMS)
- We need to include photos of green projects accomplished around our campus
- This committee needs to increase its visibility
- We need to ask how we can help Management Group meet their goals

Sharon will send the revised powerpoint to Tom Wainwright; he will be the speaker who delivers the presentation to the HMSC Management Committee. He will practice giving the presentation on Monday, Jan. 11th at the NOAA Building; committee members are invited.

All committee members are invited to attend the meeting with the HMSC Management group on January 12, 2010.

Action: Curt Whitmire will take pictures of the new LED light pole to include in the presentation.

Action: Todd will take photos of the energy-efficient boiler in the library, the waterless urinals, and potential sites for metal recycling

Action: Sharon will revise the powerpoint by adding some graphics/photos

Action: Tom will tweak the powerpoint and deliver the talk

Here is a pdf of the final version of the presentation, with big thanks to Sharon Niekirk and Tom Wainwright!



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2. Next Brownbag Seminar: January 13th

Laura Uhler, of Solar Ki, Inc., will be our speaker for the next brownbag on January 13th. She will discuss solar electric basics, including information on costs, financial incentives, good sites, climate considerations and advantages of solar. Thanks to Jennifer Menkel for creating a great flyer for this seminar.

