

HMSC Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes: June 4, 2010

Members Present: Maryann Bozza, Judy Mullen, Candace Rogers, Tom Wainwright, Rick Brown

Next Meeting (June): Agenda/Maryann and Minutes/Maryann

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 6, 10:30am-noon, Barry Fisher Room, Guin Library

For Next Agenda: Website; Todd's Workshop report; Report on planning meeting

Next Brownbag: none scheduled

AGENDA

1. Review action items (5 min.)
 - a. Battery disposal followup (Todd)
 - b. Rechargeables (Rick)
 - c. Newport Sustainability Task Force (Tom)
2. Rain Garden workshop report (Todd) (5 min.)
3. June Brownbag (Maryann) (10 min.)
4. Transportation Survey (Maryann) (10 min.)
5. Website development (Candace) (20 min.)
6. Long-term goals for the committee (20 min.)
7. Green info-share round-robin (5 min.)
8. Review Action Items (5 min.)
9. Agenda planner & note taker for next meeting (5 min.)

MINUTES

1. Review action items

(Rick Brown) Rechargeable batteries: We still don't have a good enough source of rechargeable batteries that will last more than a few cycles for heavy lead devices. More research is needed. Until we do, we will not actively encourage Hatfielders to switch from disposable to rechargeable batteries.

(Tom Wainwright) Newport's Sustainability Committee: Tom emailed Lon to express his interest in serving on this committee. He didn't hear back, but it appears they are moving slowly on this initiative, as per City Council meeting minutes. There is a similar committee in Lake Oswego, and it appears they will model it after that.

(Todd Cross) An invasive species removal will take place as part of Estuary Volunteer Work Day sponsored by Sea Grant will be June 29, 9 am until 1 pm. Maryann will look for a possible Brown Bag opportunity.

2. Rain Garden workshop report (Todd): Todd was not able to attend, so his update will be moved to the July meeting.

3. June Brownbag (Maryann): There is nothing scheduled at this point. Maryann will keep working on it. A few possibilities include PUD on their wind energy program (Judy will try to get a response); DayCPM on the LEED certification of the NOAA facility (they're pretty busy right now); invasive species in conjunction with Estuary Volunteer Work Day; Matt Spangler for a history and/or update on the Estuary Plan done a number of years ago.

4. Transportation Survey (Maryann): Management Committee buy-in and route for distribution has been secured. Last step is to get the final draft into a survey format. Maryann is working on this as time allows; it was suggested she speak to Janet and Dann/Shawn about survey monkey options.

5. Website development (Candace):

- Candace has received little response on the website design, but will put in the recommended changes received and get them to the committee before the next meeting, for discussion then. Everyone is requested to contribute. Also, please send Candace links that might be of interest to website visitors.
- Candace reported that its up to the committee to decide where the website should be located on the HMSC website; the Committee page is one place it can go.
- Judy asked, as a point to consider when commenting on the website, is, what is our purpose? Candace asked, what do we want the user to get out of it? Do we need a 'hook', i.e. a 'Tip of the 'Month'?
- It was suggested that Dann can be a good resource for us, and we should consider inviting him to a meeting.
- Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

6. Long-term goals for the committee (Maryann): Maryann will set up a meeting outside of the regular meeting schedule to discuss this. The goal is to list potential projects for the SC to tackle as a first step, to later prioritize and finally implement. The make-up of the group (not all agencies represented) was discussed as a possible goal for the committee, and/or requirement for effective implementation. The committee will try to engage ODFW.

7. Green info-share round-robin (All) Judy mentioned AES (Advanced Energy Systems) as a way to bring sustainable energy to HMSC through a business partnership.

Action Items (All)

All: For the website, think about 1) what we the committee need the website to be, and 2), what do we want visitors to get out of it?

All: Send links of interest for the website to Candace

Maryann: Set up a planning meeting and agenda.

Maryann, and All: Keep working on Brown Bags

Maryann: Get transportation survey into a survey format, and send out campus wide.