

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

**Present:** Maryanne Bozza, Todd Cross, Jennifer Menkel, Judy Mullen, Candace Rogers, Tom Wainwright, Randy Walker, Lynne Wright

### **1. Brown Bag Seminars**

The September brown bag on vegetable gardening given by Sam Angima of the OSU Extension office was well attended.

Brandon Trelstad and Greg Smith of the OSU Sustainability office will give October's brown bag, on 10/15/10. This will be part of their daylong visit to HMSC sponsored by this committee. Maryann will compile a list of questions we will ask them during our afternoon meeting. She will send the final list to the committee members and Brandon & Greg before their visit. Tom ask whether agency representatives should be include in the morning tour as another way to encourage campus wide cooperation in sustainability efforts. It was decided Rick Brown will join Randy for the NOAA buildings tours. Other agency personnel may be included for the other non-OSU buildings.

A tentative agenda is:

- 10am - noon: An extensive tour of HMSC by Randy Walker
- Noon - 1pm: Brown Bag seminar – Library Seminar Room
- 1pm - onwards: Working lunch and discussion with Sustainability Committee – Barry Fisher Room

There is no brown bag yet lined-up for November. Todd has contacted Gathering Together Farms who won't be available to speak until next year. Maryann is still trying to line-up Matt Spangler to speak on Yaquina Bay estuary resource planning. Judy Mullen and Janet Webster will try to locate his report, produced about 20 years ago, in the library's collection.

Suggestions for future Brown Bags:

Randy - Oceana Natural Foods Co-op

Tom - Newport Farmer's Market

Judy - Suggested showing short films for months when no speaker can be lined-up.

Some possibilities: *Food, Inc.*, *King Corn*, *The Story of Stuff*, or the biking in Copenhagen clip.

### **2. Bike Rack Update**

Todd explained the bike rack is on back order. He expects it should be here and installed by the end of November.

### **3. Rain Catchment Update**

Randy said the engineering plans for the system are done. The next step is for the sub-committee (Randy, Todd, Melissa, Maryann & Lisa Mulcahey) to meet to take the project into its next phase. There was discussion about what would be the best location of the project. Randy suggested the south side of the Library, which receives

optimal sun exposure - a consideration if the pump is to operate from solar panels. The water would need to be piped to where it would be used. Maryann added that if the main purpose of this project is education and outreach, a more publically visible location would be necessary such as the Education Wing. It was agreed that these details can be decided by the subcommittee.

Judy Mullen mentioned that the Library has funds and Janet's support for some sort of rain catchment in the area east of the Barry Fisher room, to be installed after the Library's new roof is put on. There was discussion whether a catchment or rain garden type installation would be better suited for that location. Randy said that the Library's new roof will be asphalt and thus run-off will likely contain toxins for some time. He thought a rain garden, which would help filter these chemicals, would be the best idea. Todd added that one consideration that needs to be made is since this property has very little slope, excavation will need to be done for this type of installation. He would like to see how well the rain garden proposed for City Hall works before one is installed at HMSC.

#### **4. Other Updates**

**HMSC Sustainability website:** Candace explained the site is not ready to go live as of yet. She needs to ask Dann's assistance on a couple technical issues and hopes it will be up sometime this month.

**LED street lights:** Randy would still like committee feedback on the two models being considered (see his 9/30/10 email to the committee for more details). Maryann added that the street lights for the roundabout being constructed by the City on Marine Science Drive next to HMSC will be dark sky compliant.

**HMSC transportation survey:** Maryann said the survey has gone on to Dr. Boehlert for his input. It will then go to the members of the HMSC Executive Committee who will have one week to make comments. Once that is done, it will be ready to administer.

**Visitor Center Bookstore:** Lynne Wright explained that she now couches her bookstore staff to politely ask customers if they "need" a bag for their purchases rather than do they "want" one. She says this subtle change has already had an impact on how many bags are being used by the store.

#### **5. New Business**

**HMSC sustainability appreciation trophy:** Maryann suggested both Chelle Boswell and Janet Webster be considered for a sustainability appreciation award. Chelle for developing an efficient report that provides the data for HMSC's emissions survey and Janet for offering the Library's covered foyer as a place for the new bike rack. It was suggested that Tom Matteson would be able to design and make a great trophy that can be passed to later recipients of this award as they are named. We could also feature the winners on the committee's new website.