

HMSC Sustainability Committee 10/3/07 Meeting – Guin Library Seminar Room

Minutes (Draft)

In attendance: Anjanette Baker, Devin Brakob, Jim Colbert, Todd Cross, Ken Hall, Jennifer Johnson, Tom Wainwright, Randy Walker

Roundtable introductions; review of Sustainability Committee's purpose and summary of activities undertaken last year; and new ideas or areas of focus for this year.

Action Item: Ken to forward minutes from previous meetings to committee members

Action Item: Anjanette to create a 3-ring binder for any information we collect relevant to sustainability and our committee's activities. Binder will be kept in Guin Library near the new books shelf for anyone to browse and contribute.

General discussion items

Bicycling: Jim Colbert discussed bicycling as an alternative transportation mode that should be encouraged and supported. There is a growing bicycling community in Newport and potential constituency for pressing for safety improvements for bicycle commuters on the bridge. The City of Newport's head of Parks and Recreation, Jim Protiva, needs to hear from more people about demand for bike trails. Jim also noted there is a group working on a "Corvallis to the Sea Trail" and is making progress on that vision.

Jim reported on a recent survey he conducted at HMSC showing there is a need for expanded and improved bicycle storage facilities. Enclosed bike lockers are expensive, but a bike rack on a concrete pad, covered and protected from the wind and rain on 3 sides would be more affordable. Among the possible locations discussed was the south wall of the East Wing (Bldg. 900) facing the back parking lot.

Promoting energy efficiency: Ken passed around some information on a campaign funded by Oregon Energy Trust that offers consumers the opportunity to purchase energy efficient compact fluorescent spiral light bulbs for 99 cents each. Local retailers participating include Fred Meyer, Wal Mart, Bi Mart, Ace Hardware and Rite Aid. Specialty CFLs are also available for as low as \$2 a piece, but only some retailers have these.

Action Item: Someone (needed) to find out how long this promotion is running and how much remaining stock our local retailers have; then we can promote it at HMSC.

Brown bag lunch speakers: There was general support for the idea of sponsoring occasional brown bag lunch speakers. Suggestion to start with Terry Lettenmaier on topic of wind energy, since we discussed that last year and it's still a topic of interest.

Action Item: Someone (needed) to contact Terry Lettenmaier to see if he can give a brown bag lunch presentation and set a date. Terry is Laurie Weitkamp's husband.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, **November 7th at 10:30am** in the Guin Library Seminar Room.