

HMSC Sustainability Committee 4/10/08 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held in Barry Fisher Room of Guin Library. The following were in attendance: Jim Colbert, Ken Hall, Judy Mullin, Sharon Nieukirk, Jay Peterson, Randy Walker, Curt Whitmire

Items of discussion were: 1) Topic and speaker(s) for next brown bag lunch; and 2) status of proposal to have covered bike racks installed at HMSC.

Topic / Speaker for next brown bag lunch

Ken reported on his conversation with Terry Lettenmaier who was previously suggested as a possible speaker on wind energy. Given his expertise in large scale industrial wind energy technologies (rather than the type of systems that might be viable on the coast), Terry wasn't sure whether he could address what we're looking for. Feedback from committee members surveyed indicated a consensus for trying to keep brown bag lunch presentations as locally relevant as possible.

Members agreed that a talk on the features of a sustainable local food economy and what is happening Lincoln County on that topic would be good. Randy has invited Kim Gossen to speak on her research, but she is preparing to defend her thesis, so Randy may give the talk himself. It was suggested that we invite Sam Angima of the OSU Extension office in Lincoln County.

Several related topics of interest were discussed, including community supported agriculture (CSA) concept and practice, how important is "organic", etc. – too much to cover in a single brown bag lunch talk. It was suggested that we survey people at the next event to find out what topics people are interested in hearing about, or provide a list of topics (beyond just the local food issue) on a sheet of paper so people could vote for their top choices.

Action: Committee members to send suggestions for future brown bag lunch speakers / topics to Ken

Bike Racks at HMSC

The need for a better and expanded range of options for parking and securing bicycles at HMSC (with some sort of protection from the weather) has been previously discussed by this committee, but never followed-up. Jim Colbert presented information on various bike rack designs and manufacturers that he has researched.

Action: Committee to submit a recommendation and request to the HMSC Director's Office for:

- installation of a bike rack under the three-sided covered shelter that currently stands at the northwest end of the front parking lot (across from Visitor Center entrance)
- installation of a covered bike rack somewhere near the south side of Bldg. #900 east wing entrance
- installation of an enclosed bike locker (box) in a fairly central location to accommodate at least two bikes