

HMSC Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes: September 4 2008

Members Present: Anjanette Baker, Devin Brakob, Todd Cross, Ken Hall, Jennifer Menkel, Judy Mullen, Sharon Nieu Kirk, Jay Peterson, Tom Wainwright, Randy Walker

Next Meeting: Tuesday: October 7, 9:30am, Library Seminar Room

MINUTES:

I. Regular Dates for Meetings and Brown bag lunch speakers

The group agreed that regular Sustainability Committee meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30am. Brown-bag lunch speakers will be planned for noon on the third or fourth Tuesday of the month when possible.

II. Brown Bag Lunch Speakers and Potential Topics

a. September 16th Brownbag: Rob Thompson of Thompson's Sanitary in Newport will discuss the local waste stream and the growth of recycling. Committee members can bring examples of items which are confusing or questionable when it comes to recycling them.

ACTION: Jennifer Menkel will make and post flyers for the Sept. 16th brownbag.

b. October 14th Brownbag: Paul Amundson, member of the local water treatment task force, will speak at our noon brownbag regarding water treatment issues in Newport. This is a timely issue since local voters will decide on a measure to upgrade the water treatment plant in Newport (or not) on the Nov. 4th ballot.

ACTION: Jay Peterson will ask Paul for some blurbs to use for advertising this brownbag.

c. November Brownbag: (Unconfirmed) Chris Diamond of the Oregon Department of Energy in Salem is sometimes available as a speaker. He has practical information on green building methods and knows about incentives/ rebates available for homebuilders.

ACTION: Sharon Nieu Kirk will contact him to see if he'll agree to be our brownbag speaker for November.

d. Other Potential Brownbag Speakers:

-Robert Van Creveld might be able to speak about rainwater catchment and other green building designs for our locality. Also he may offer a tour of his home, but to a very small group only. Contact is Anjanette.

-PUD Energy Audit speakers: Contact is Devin Brakob

-Mark Saelens, Lincoln County Solid Waste Coordinator: contact is Ken Hall

ACTION: Anjanette will try to schedule Van Creveld (for December?) after we find out if Chris Diamond confirms for November.

ACTION: Devin Brakob will contact PUD again to see about potential speakers.

ACTION: Sharon will call PUD to ask if they can donate some lightbulbs as incentives for our brownbags.

ACTION: Ken Hall will call Mark Saelens to see if he can speak at a brownbag session.

III. HMSC Action on Energy Efficiency and Resource Use

-Transportation Needs and Opportunities

The Lincoln County's transportation survey was sent to the HMSC Community List; results for

HMSC respondents will be assessed and sent to us by the county after Sept. 12th. Eventually we want to add a link to the HMSC homepage which identifies rideshare options for HMSC folks. All committee members will keep ears open to ascertain if any regular ridesharing is presently occurring at HMSC.

ACTION: Ken Hall will try to find out who could create and maintain a "Sustainability" webpage which could be linked to the HMSC homepage. On such a webpage the Sustainability Committee could showcase ideas, brownbag sessions, rideshare information and other useful links.

-Waste Stream/ Recycling

In order to measure improvement, we need baseline information on usage of water, electric, solid waste at HMSC. Baselines are difficult to ascertain at HMSC due to the number of agencies on site, all with varying policies, buildings and physical systems. In order to actually establish a baseline on any front, we'll need support from HMSC's director.

ACTION: Ken Hall will talk to George Boehlert about the kind of support the committee needs to make measureable improvement on usage of water, electric, or waste.

-Promote and Participate in Other Sustainable Campaigns

We discussed other programs dedicated to making sustainable changes:

- a. "We can Solve it" <http://www.wecansolveit.org/> (Solutions for climate change)
- b. Federal Green Challenge:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/ECOCOMM.NSF/Federal+Green+Challenge/FedGreen#What%20is%20the%20Challenge%3F>
- c. Local government initiatives: (example: Coolcities: Solving Global Warming one City at a time
<Http://coolcities.us/state.php?state=OR>)

IV. Other Ideas/Issues

The committee continues to support placing additional bike racks on the HMSC campus. We also plan to pickup

a free bike from Waldport donors to be shared by all on the HMSC campus.