

Sustainability Committee Meeting

Minutes: September 11, 2009 meeting/ by J. Mullen

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

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Next committee meeting: Tuesday, October 6th (10:30am, Library Seminar Room)

Next Brownbag: Laura Uhler (not sure when yet)

I. HMSC Significant Environmental Aspects (Focus Areas)

Ken reviewed the 7 areas of focus we chose at our last meeting; he has put them on a grid. The next step is to identify targets and performance indicators for our HMSC Environmental Management System (EMS). Our focus areas will tie into the OSU plan via the greenhouse gas emissions. Tom will send out the grid we are creating and we'll all fill in our suggestions for targets and performance indicators.

Our areas of focus include:

Energy consumption
Fuel consumption
Solid waste/recycling
Water consumption/Wastewater
Electronic Stewardship
Chemical and hazardous waste
Habitat stewardship

II. Change of Leadership

Ken Hall announced that he will be leaving OSU and moving back to California sometime in the next couple of months. We are not clear yet on who will step in to lead the committee or who will be hired to replace Ken. Ken feels the group should continue to work on getting LED outdoor lighting installed at HMSC parking lots and to push for solar panels (possibly for Library roof or for new ODFW building). He sees these as viable and important actions at HMSC.

III. Speaker for next brownbag

Randy Walker will contact Laura Uhler, a solar power consultant/technician and grantwriter, from "Solar Ki, LLC" in Corvallis to see if she can speak at a brownbag and/or consult with the group. (Phone: 541-602-6909 / Email: laurau@peak.org URL: <http://www.solarki.com>)

Randy said that he is in discussion with Mark Sleight (PUD) about putting LED streetlights up at HMSC via a pilot program to be dark sky compliant. Randy plans on giving to Mark the HMSC site plan showing the number and location of power poles which can be outfitted with new LED fixtures. The pilot program's incentives help to reduce dramatically the cost of each fixture. Todd points out that the old fixtures should be recycled properly.

We hope Laura Uhler will give a public informational brownbag and also have a nuts and bolts meeting (focused discussion) with the Sustainability Committee about what might be possible in terms of solar panels for the new ODFW building or for the library roof. We need to ascertain if solar would be cost efficient, if it would help to reduce our consumption and emissions, and if we could be a “demo” site.

Sharon mentioned the idea of putting a meter in public view to show savings from any solar panels we may get.

IV. Recycling update

Jennifer has handed over the “returnables” recycling project to the HMSC grad student organization. They now collect, count and take the items to be recycled. They count the cans from OSU vs. the ones from the NOAA building and then tell Jennifer how much they got. Money is donated to charities of their choice.

Recycling efforts at HMSC housing are not very good. Todd may start attending orientations for new students in order to talk about recycling at HMSC’s dormitory housing.

V. Commuting Survey

The group thinks it’s time to do the commuting survey again. Anjanette can send us all the forms. We can go door to door again. Perhaps Devin Brakob can put the survey on SurveyMonkey, and we could follow up with door to door survey? Anjanette will ask Devin if he can make a simple electronic survey. Todd will count cars in HMSC parking lot.

VI. Action Items

Ken: Email Nancy Hunter about the shrimp pumping near EPA building; ask her to help educate the school groups who visit HMSC about protecting the environment in that area.

Ken: Tell Itchung that Todd will come to student orientation to explain recycling at HMSC housing.

Ken: Ask what will happen to the HMSC light fixtures which will be removed for LED upgrade.

Ken: Reserve room for Oct. 6th committee meeting.

Todd: Talk to Tracy about shrimp pumping.

Todd: Attend HMSC student orientations to talk about recycling at housing area.

Todd: Remind Londi to pick up returnables from HMSC housing.

Sharon: get a figure in weight by category from Recyclemania data for Ken.

Judy: Call about getting more green bins for recycling.

Anjanette: Send out commuter survey form to committee members. Ask Devin if he can put it on Survey Monkey.

Devin: Put commuter survey on SurveyMonkey

Todd: Count cars in HMSC parking lot

Tom: Send out grid form of EMS so committee can fill in suggestions for targets, goals, performance indicators.