

## **HMSC Sustainability Committee**

**Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2010**

### **Joint Meeting with the HMSC Management Committee**

(These minutes only include notes pertaining to the Sustainability Committee presentation, not the entire meeting agenda)

**Sustainability Group members present:** Anjanette Baker, Todd Cross, Judy Mullen, Sharon Nieu Kirk, Tom Wainwright, Randy Walker

**Management group members present:** George Boehlert, Brett Dumbauld, Steve Hammond, Nancee Hunter, Mattias Johansson, Walt Nelson, Candace Rogers, Cliff Ryer, Maggie Sommer, Gil Sylvia, Jessica Waddell, Janet Webster, Randy Walker, Pete Zerr

### **NEW Action Items for Sustainability Committee:**

1. Administer the bus transportation survey requested by Port of Newport
2. Communicate with the HMSC Management Group via brief monthly emails to them
3. Submit articles to local newspaper about green projects

### **Communication between agencies at HMSC**

Members of the Sustainability Committee were invited to give a short presentation about the goals and projects of the group to the HMSC Management Group. Tom Wainwright presented the talk using a powerpoint slideshow which highlighted our current and past projects; he stressed our willingness to work together with the agencies at HMSC in order to help implement sustainable practices. Tom emphasized to the group that we wish to help develop green projects at HMSC by supporting the needs, goals and mandates of the agencies present on our campus, and that communication between agencies is essential for this to occur. He also asked each agency to send a "delegate" to the Sustainability Committee; this idea was met with positive response since participants from Sea Grant and ODFW were then promised.

Sharon Nieu Kirk also asked agency managers to communicate with the committee about their future projects and goals so that time, effort and money can be saved by sharing information and experience. Judy commented that the Sustainability Committee would be happy to tie the topics of its monthly educational brownbags to current green interests and projects of agencies on campus. Communication is the key to making this happen.

George Boehlert asked the Sustainability Committee to communicate with the HMSC Management Group by providing brief monthly emails to them regarding important issues.

### **Promoting Public Awareness**

Randy Walker told the group that water consumption had dropped greatly at HMSC and thus water bills are now significantly lower. Janet Webster commented that we could make this information more transparent to the public; we could publish benchmarks regarding usage goals and graph improvements. George Boehlert agreed with Janet that more public awareness is needed in our community regarding green activities at HMSC; he suggested submitting articles to the local newspaper about sustainability projects at HMSC.

### **Transportation**

George Boehlert asked the Sustainability Committee if it would be amenable to helping the Port of Newport by administering a transportation survey; the survey is necessary with regard to LEED certification for new buildings. Members of the Sustainability Committee thought this an appropriate task for their group and agreed to look into it. Anjanette will contact the Port of Newport to find out more about how the committee should proceed.

We discussed bike lockers for HMSC, and Anjanette Baker offered to call the main campus to find out more about bike lockers there. Sharon said that we need input about where bike lockers could be placed at HMSC so as not to interfere with parking, fire codes, etc.

We also discussed the ongoing efforts to improve carpooling at HMSC and the possibility of implementing HMSC parking permits.

**LED Lighting**

Other discussion centered on the topic of new LED lighting for HMSC parking lots; Janet commented that perhaps the LED lighting should extend to lights on the outside of buildings as well as in the parking lots. Randy Walker is applying for current incentives available for new LED lighting.

**Other:**

Nancee Hunter reminded the group that one of the “Quest” activities (scavenger hunt) developed by the Sea Grant educators at HMSC revolves around the topic of sustainable practices.