

HMSC Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes: February 2, 2010

Members present: Rick Brown, Todd Cross, Judy Mullen, Jay Peterson, Randy Walker

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Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 2nd, 10:30 – noon, Barry Fisher Room

February Brownbag: Tuesday, February 9th, 2010, noon, Library Seminar Room
Lisa Mulcahy: Mid-Coast Watershed Council, Yaquina Bay Basin

March Brownbag: Jim Linhares of Northwest Wind Solutions, LLC
jim@nwwindsolutions.com (date not set yet)

I. Debrief joint meeting with the HMSC Management Group held Jan. 12, 2010

Committee members who were present at the joint meeting concurred that the HMSC Management Group met our committee's presentation with interest and support. Our group was asked to send periodic short bulleted reports to members of the Management Group, which we plan to do. Dr. George Boehlert asked our committee to help take a transportation survey of HMSC staff, faculty and students regarding local bus service to the center; we plan to accommodate that request. The results of such a survey may be useful to the Port of Newport which is seeking LEED certification for the new NOAA buildings. Dr. Boehlert also asked Anjanette to find out more about the COAS bike lockers on campus in Corvallis.

We are pleased that Sea Grant and ODFW agreed to send delegates to join the Sustainability Committee. Lynne Wright and Candace Rogers plan to attend. Our committee may need to change our meeting day (currently the first Tuesday of each month) if another week of the month would allow better attendance and less conflict with other meetings. We are waiting to find out if the new HMSC Program Manager, Maryann Bozza, will take the helm of the Sustainability Committee.

II. How to Design and Administer a Bus Survey

Anjanette, though not present today, did report contacting Joanne Barton at the Port; there is no specific survey instrument in place at this time. We discussed possible ways of designing a bus survey at HMSC and debated the pros and cons of using a Survey Monkey questionnaire vs. the "door to door" method. None of us have much expertise with Survey Monkey; Judy will look for a copy of the trial survey Devin Brakob created using Survey Monkey before he moved away; we can then assess whether enough information can be gleaned via this method. We may need to get access to the more complex version of Survey Monkey as opposed to the free simple version.

Rick suggests we contact the City of Newport and the Oregon Coast Community College (now in South Beach) to see if they have done similar surveys or if they have any survey tools or programs available to use. Rick may be able to talk to Joanne Barton this afternoon to discuss it further. Judy will contact a city council member in Lincoln City about the rideshare/transportation survey that Lincoln City administered last spring.

III. **Upcoming Brownbags**

Lisa Mulcahy, Coordinator for the Yaquina Basin Planning Team is set to present a brownbag talk about the work and goals of the Mid-Coast Watershed Council on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. Judy will contact the newspaper (News Times) with a short press release for the Friday paper. Jay will work on making the flyer and distributing it. Anjanette has promised to bring a camera to take photos at the brownbag; one of our goals is to create a photo archive of events we sponsor.

Judy will contact Jim Linhares of *Northwest Wind Solutions* to see if he can present a talk in March on small wind turbines marketed by his company.

We brainstormed other possible brownbag speakers; Todd suggested a local nutritionist. We also thought that composting and local gardening tips would make good subjects as we roll into spring and summer. Sam Angima of the local OSU Extension office is one source we may contact. Brandon Trelstad, Sustainability Coordinator at OSU in Corvallis, was suggested again. We also thought that local food, CSA's and the local Farmer's Market might be good subjects. Phil Barbour, OSU Research Assistant at Mechanical Engineering Dept. can talk about small wind power/turbines.

IV. **Miscellaneous tidbits**

Our committee should invite members of Oregon Coast Aquarium's Green Team to attend our meetings.

Update the committee membership list: delete Devin Brakob and Ken Hall/ add Rick Brown, Lynne Wright, Candace Rogers

Action Items:

Anjanette: Call COAS about their bike lockers

Take photos at the next brownbag

Talk to the Port folks about bus survey

Judy: Find Devin's Survey Monkey questionnaire

Put news release in News Times about Lisa's talk

Talk to Lincoln City Councilor about their rideshare/ bus survey

Contact Jim Linhares about small wind turbines talk at March brownbag

Ask Candace to update committee member list

Jay: Make flyer for Lisa's talk

Todd: Contact nutritionist for April brownbag ?

Who can: Invite ORCA's green team?

Contact OCCC and or City of Newport about bus survey (Rick?)