

HMSC Sustainability Committee meeting 9/7/10

Present: Maryanne Bozza, Melissa Murphy, Todd Cross, Candace Rogers, Judy Mullen , Tom Wainwright, Anjannette Baker

1. HMSC Picnic

The HMSC picnic will be Saturday, September 18th at Moonshine Park on the Siletz River. Maryanne provided flyers to the members to post on their respective agency and department bulletin boards. The committee members are asked to get the word out and encourage others to attend.

If anyone has an available truck, supplies, or ideas on how best to dispose of the waste from the picnic please contact Maryanne Bozza.

2. Solar Panels

Maryanne and Judy will be contacting Advanced Energy Systems (A.E.S.) to inquire about their program that assisted Lincoln City in obtaining solar panels on some public buildings and whether this is possible for HMSC.

Melissa volunteered to contact Lori Hollingsworth (L.C. Mayor) to find out who might be the best contact for this information.

3. Brown Bag Seminars

Last month's seminar (Heat Pumps) was not well attended due to promotion issues and possibly topic. This speaker is willing to return at another time to try again.

Maryanne spoke with Matt Spangler from DLCD (Dept. Land Conservation & Dev.) about a Yaquina Bay Estuary Resource Planning document he produced twenty years ago that is getting some new attention. The members decided he and the topic would be better suited for the HMSC seminar series than for the Brown Bag.

October's Brown Bag seminar will be the gentlemen (sorry I don't remember their names) from the OSU Sustainability Office. They will first tour the campus and meet with the HMSC Sustainability Committee and then speak. Maryanne will be sending out a doodle poll to pin down the best date.

Gathering Together Farms has been contacted for the November Brown Bag.

4. Rain Catchment Update

At this time the plan for a rain catchment system has stalled but facilities will be leading the construction and handling the budget when a plan has been developed and approved. Maryanne spoke to Rogue Ales about a 10K gallon tank that they have available but it was decided that this was too large for the campus and for our purposes.

Maryanne requested help in moving forward with this project through promotion of the system around campus and the development of a subcommittee to take the next step in developing a plan and having it approved. The subcommittee will be Todd, Melissa, Maryanne, Randy, and Lisa Mulcahey.

5. ODFW (Marine Resources Program) Sustainability Survey

Melissa developed and distributed a short sustainability survey to the ODFW-MRP office and will have results available for next months meeting. The primary goal of the survey was to gauge awareness of the committee and its' activities and what sustainable projects ranked highest for HMSC and ODFW.

6. Website Update

Candace did an amazing job developing the HMSC Sustainability Committee's webpage which is housed on the HMSC website. The webpage will be up and available to the public before next month's meeting. The committee discussed what the overall purpose and goal of the webpage should be and what else should be considered. The following suggestions were made:

- It is a historical record of the committees' activities and accomplishments.
- A way to promote the Brown Bag Seminars and archive past seminar information.
- Brown Bag archive page needs to be updated.
- "Tip of the Month" will be moved to the upper right corner of the front page.
- The OSU banner will be place across the top of the page and act as a link to the OSU website.
- The "Projects" page should offer links to explanations of current and past projects.
- Possibly a page to introduce the committee members, what agencies they represent, and what commitments to sustainable practices they have made.
- Transportation page may need to be a secured page to avoid safety issues with carpooling and to assist Candace in administering this page.
- A bulletin board page where people can share information about events, articles, or other aspects of the sustainable community.
- An archive page for reports, articles, or documents produced by the committee.
- Freecycle page could work like the bulletin board.
- The website should be geared toward the HMSC community.

Melissa suggested looking at the oregonocean.info website to see how the state has dealt with public bulletin boards and archiving information.

7. HMSC Bike Shelter Update

The new bike shelter has been ordered and should be installed and ready for use sometime this month. The shelter will hold approximately 20 bikes and be placed outside the HMSC library under the whale. The committee is asked to spread the good news.

8. Quarterly Newsletter

It was suggested that the committee produce a quarterly newsletter once the website is up and running. Details will be worked out at the next few meeting.

9. STARS Program

Judy shared information about the Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System (STARS) that OSU has signed onto. The program promotes action and progress toward sustainability by colleges and universities. The program promotes sustainable thinking for environmental, social, and economic wellbeing. To learn more about the program go to www.stars.aashe.org.

The committee was asked to consider signing HMSC up with the program separate from OSU. HMSC is currently accounted for in OSU's annual Green House Gas Inventory.