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Meeting Minutes - Draft SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

Monday, May 11, 2009

4:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 300 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 14 -

Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Judy Compton; William Bremer; Sherrie Gruder; Michael J. Vickerman; Paul D. Muench; Julia D. Voss; Catherine E. Mackin; David W. Drummond; Garrick R. Maine; Lou W. Host-Jablonski; Marc B. Kornblatt; Eric T. Truelove and Richard A. Heinemann

Excused: 3 -

David C. Boyer; Peter J. Taglia and Leslie C. Schroeder

Others also present: Jeanne Hoffman, Brian Joiner and Lucas Dailey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Judy Compton moved to approve the minutes from the April 13th meeting. Marc Kornblatt seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Sherrie and Bill talked about alternative members and whether they vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

[14658](#)

Changing the Sustainable Design and Energy Committee Meeting Date

The committee agreed to the change the meeting to the third Monday of the month (except September.)

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[13906](#)

Update of Building a Green Capital City Plan

Sherrie Gruder told the committee that a working group met to discuss process. Sherrie asked Brian Joiner to facilitate the meetings for the next several months. Brian has worked with companies and facilitates many meetings. He is also involved with Sustain Dane and the City staff regarding the Natural Step.

Brian began talking about updating the Blueprint.

Sherrie has a worked up a draft for the work plan for rewriting the plan. Sherrie told the committee that there was a recent meeting with the Mayor. The Mayor is very pleased with the progress. He also wanted to make sure that we include or work with the Natural Step as the plan is rewritten.

Sherrie passed out a handout showing a draft work plan for rewriting the plan.

Sherrie mentioned that the first plan really does not deal with carbon or the concept of Zero Net Energy.

**The handout shows four topics:
Carbon and Zero Net Energy
City Operations
Private Sector: Polices and Initiatives
Public Outreach**

The Mayor did mention that the report could look the RTA and the environmental impacts of having a RTA.

Brian clarified the possible workgroups. Is there anything that should be added?

Then the Committee provided thoughts on these topics.

CARBON AND ZERO NET ENERGY

Add definition of Zero Net Energy. Is it really possible? Consider the name. Clarify definition of Zero Net Energy and then make it clear that energy efficiency is a way to get there.

- Review City's Climate Protection Plan
- Research and Review Carbon Neutrality
- Consider a Goal for carbon.
- Be clear as to what we already have agreed to do and then decide if we want to go further
- What the State is doing in general for carbon etc, such as the Governor's Global Warming Task Force.
- Consider what the UW is pursuing carbon neutrality – energy efficiency, conservation, renewable energy – they are implementing.

CITY OPERATIONS

- Committee advocates for operating and capital funding to maintain and upgrades facilities and capital assets.
- Follow-up to make sure green budget is spent on green stuff.
- Planning Department a need for Sustainable Planning – Staffing increase/training
- Comprehensive Training of Maintenance Staff
- Develop Metrics – something to look at so we know we are doing better in two years.
- Establishment of a baseline
- More emphasizes on greening the city fleet and transit
- Comprehensive Planning – need to review in terms of sustainability
- Green preference to city purchases

PRIVATE SECTOR: POLICIES AND INITIATIVES

- Get education from the private sectors
- Getting at the disconnect between how project are developed and end user. Who pays and who benefits.
- Also the disconnect between developer and A/E firm
- Inspectors, Contractors, Developers
- Follow up to make sure that green budget is spent on green stuff
- Investigate and adopted a provision for 3rd parties energy efficiency and renewable
- Streamlining of permitting processes
- An awards program for the private sector

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Significant public hearings – listen to the public
- Publishing our energy consumption – real time.
- Move meetings to various places throughout the city and invite the public in.
- Goals to be established.

EDUCATION OF THE COMMITTEE

- What other sustainability initiative are out there?
- Other things the committee members need to know – common council procedures etc.
 Sherrie, Brian and Jeanne to work on this.

METRICS

- Including in short term benefits for long term initiatives
- Goals for other areas of sustainability

Lucas – Private Sector
Lou – Public Outreach
Paul City Operations
Cathy – City Operations – will be the coordinator
Marc – Public Outreach – will be coordinator
David – Carbon Zero Net Energy
Garrick – City Operations
Michael – Private Sector
Richard – CZNE
Sherrie – CZNE – Sherrie will be the coordinator
Richard – Private Sector – will be coordinator
Sherrie – Private Sector

Brian indicated that a template for everyone to use when filling out this information more.

Brian stated that you are here because you care. SD&E has the power to recommend policies/resolution/ordinances. SD&E also educates.

What do we need to do if we want these policies/resolution/ordinances passed?
You need to educate other committees, policymakers, stakeholders, etc.

We need to define the problem and research the problem so that we can clearly define the problem. We can provide a vision for the community. Because this committee is such a cross-section, it gives sustainability credibility.

Keep communication open and inclusive. This means referral too.

Need to have a smaller group working on things before the issue comes before the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.