

**COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Greensboro Sustainability Council was called on Monday, October 12, 2009, in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, commencing at 2:34 p.m. The following Board members were present: Co-Chair Joel Landau, Co-Chair Bob Powell, Derrick Giles, Bob Skenes, Tom Clary, Carolyn Allen, Tom Duckwall, Debbie Leiner, Valerie Vickers, Art Davis, and Bob Kollar. Staff was represented by Dan Curry and Sue Schwartz, HCD; Steve Randall, Energy and Sustainability Program Manager; and Jeryl Covington, Director of Environmental Services. Also present was Phillip Morgan, Community Relations Developer for Piedmont Natural Gas.

Co-Chair Landau welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Community Sustainability Council. Roger Waldon, with Clarion and Associates, was present along with members of the consulting team, the Brendle Group. Seth Jansen, Judy Dorsey, and Dave Wortman introduced themselves and described their involvement with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

**Status Report on Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Process:**

Ms. Schwartz reminded members that the strategy must be presented to City Council for adoption at their November 17, 2009 meeting. The deadline to submit the strategy to the Department of Energy is December 3, 2009.

Judy Dorsey, President and principle engineer with the Brendle Group, provided the Council with background information and a project overview along with their desire to create a productive dialogue with the CSC.

Seth Jansen, an engineer with the Brendle Group, described the EECBG process to arrive at the recommended strategies, the timeline, and the public meeting format. Council members volunteered their assistance at the public meetings. The Brendle Group is reviewing subcommittee reports and meeting minutes to insure sustainability ideas are being incorporated into the pool of activities. Mr. Jansen emphasized that many of the recommendations coming out of the subcommittee groups could potentially become funding opportunities.

The Brendle Group will organize all of the input into a manageable list of 50 potential strategies, categorized by DOE criteria, so that the CSC can review the priorities of the community and provide feedback. Members discussed the best approach to arrive at their top choices. Each member will mark their top 20 strategies to determine ranking and the Brendle Group will follow-up with a detailed analysis for review by the Council. Roger Waldon, with Clarion and Associates, gave a preview of the keypad polling that will be used at the public meetings to gather opinions relating to priorities.

Mr. Jansen reviewed the preliminary Greenhouse Gas Inventory and the Council specified what they were looking for in the final document. Energy utilization units are needed to fill in gaps and set targets. Dave Wortman, with the Brendle Group, described the development of the Climate Action Plan. The team will continue to work with the CSC beyond the December 3, 2009 deadline to develop a plan incorporating both short-

term and long-term goals. They will introduce ideas to implement, fund, and monitor strategies and will bring the best practices on a national level to aid in problem solving.

**Request for a Special Meeting of the CSC:**

The Council will hold a special meeting on November 9, 2009 in the Plaza Level Conference Room at 2:30 p.m. to approve a Department of Energy Plan to present to City Council.

**Report on “Greensboro Green Star” Program:**

Ms. Vickers distributed a sample Certificate of Appreciation provided by Sara Ladd of Greensboro Housing Coalition. She suggested that awards for small business leadership and energy sustainability, educational leadership, non-profit leadership, and neighborhood or community action leadership could be given by the CSC annually on Earth Day at the Kathryn Clay Edwards Library. Recognition certificates could be given several times a year during CSC or City Council meetings. Nomination forms and criteria for CSC awards would be available on the website along with a link to community awards. She indicated that more input was needed before specific award criteria could be established. Council members discussed giving awards as they are merited instead of a fixed yearly basis.

**Update from Green Fair Committee:**

Co-Chair Powell distributed a summary of ideas from Green Fair Committee meetings. The committee has a list of groups to contact and they plan to bring the groups together for a planning meeting. Members discussed possible locations and preferable times to hold the event.

**Reconsider Monthly Meeting Time for CSC’s Regular Meeting:**

Council members decided, beginning in December, to conduct regular monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the Plaza Level Conference Room. It was noted that the November 16, 2009 meeting is still scheduled at 2:30 p.m. in the Plaza Level Conference Room.

**Plans for Group Photo:**

A group photo will be taken after the November 16, 2009 CSC meeting.

**Report and Follow-Up on Any Recent E-Mails to the CSC Website:**

The UNC-G green group has requested that a representative from the Council attend one of their student meetings and give a presentation on CSC activities. Mr. Duckwall volunteered to present the information.

**Items from Co-Chairs:**

Co-Chair Powell updated members on the landfill technology. He indicated that there is a possibility that City Council may have to vet some of the resource information and the CSC may be the better group to review information and hear presentations in a less politicized form than City Council. Members supported the idea and Jeryl Covington addressed details of the process.

Co-Chair Landau indicated that he will ask City Council if the CSC can issue Certificates of Award or if the awards must be recommended to City Council for approval.

**Items from Group Members:**

Mr. Kollar distributed a Code of Ethics to Council members for their review. Members will discuss the document at the November 16, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Clary inquired if the CSC had any involvement in the Weatherization Program. Co-Chair Powell responded that the funding comes from the State directly to agencies. The agency serving Greensboro is located in Asheboro and their license is given by the county. The program has existed for forty years and all designations have already been established.

**Acknowledgement of Absences:**

Mr. Davis moved to acknowledge the absences of Ms. Sanford, Ms. Hancock, and Mr. Hoekstra, seconded by Mr. Kollar. The Council voted 11-0 in favor of the motion. (Ayes: Landau, Powell, Giles, Skenes, Clary, Allen, Duckwall, Leiner, Vickers, Kollar, Davis. Nays: None.)

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the Group, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Landau and Bob Powell  
Co-Chairs

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