

**Community Sustainability Council
Greensboro, North Carolina
February 9, 2009**

A meeting of the Community Sustainability Council was held on Monday, February 9, 2009 in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, beginning at 3:05 p.m. Members present were: Co-Chair Joel Landau, Co-Chair Bob Powell, Art Davis, Bob Kollar, Marlene Sanford, Tom Duckwall, Tom Clary, Debbie Leiner, Carolyn Allen, Eric Hoekstra and Valerie Vickers. Staff present were: Dan Curry, HCD; Steve Randall, Energy and Sustainability Program Manager; and Jeryl Covington, Director of Environmental Services.

Approval of Minutes from the January 12, 2009 Regular Meeting:

Ms. Sanford moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 meeting, seconded by Mr. Kollar. The Council voted unanimously 10-0 to approve the motion. (Ayes: Landau, Powell, Davis, Kollar, Sanford, Duckwall, Clary, Leiner, Allen, Vickers. Nays: None.)

Report on the January 24, 2009 Cool Cities Workshop on “Building Solutions”:

Mr. Duckwall gave an overview of the workshop that was attended by several Council members. Some of the topics he reported on included infrastructure and local government, the use of building codes, LEED buildings, the importance of accounting to measure utility costs, the CERT Carolina project and continuing information coming out about the efficiency of the Proximity Hotel, and the potential of LED lighting. He distributed informational handouts from the workshop to Council members for their use.

Status Updates:

- **Greensboro Carbon Emissions Inventory**

Co-Chair Powell gave a slide presentation to the Group reviewing what has been done in terms of methodology and resource data. He showed the relative impact of different gases, and presented a comparison between Greensboro, Durham, and National emissions numbers. The collection of raw data is complete and the information will be available on the website.

Jeryl Covington informed the Council that the City's collection of data is complete with the exception of information from Piedmont Natural Gas. She asked the Group for help in obtaining a contact name at Piedmont Natural Gas.

- **EPA Sustainable Skylines Proposal**

Mr. Curry stated that HCD is still waiting to hear the results of the proposal.

- **E-mails to CSC**

Co-Chair Landau commented that there have been no e-mails to the CSC website since the last meeting.

CSC Website Survey Results:

Co-Chair Landau informed the Council that the survey link on the website has been closed. Mr. Curry will summarize the results and forward the information to the Council for their use.

Items from Co-Chairs:

Co-Chair Landau stated that Recycle Bank will be giving a short presentation at the next meeting. Recycle Bank is a national group that works with coupons to encourage more recycling at the individual level.

Co-Chair Powell informed the Group that the CERT conference will be held on March 19, 2009 instead of February 26, 2009.

There will be a presentation at Catawba College on February 18, 2009 entitled, "Tackling Air Quality and Climate Change Issues through a Low-Carbon Electrical System." Co-Chair Landau indicated that he would send out a reminder to Council members.

Items from Group Members:

Mr. Clary informed the Group of an event at Holy Trinity Church on February 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a presentation of Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* for anyone who is interested.

Items from Staff:

Mr. Curry advised the Group that the City is continuing to monitor the Stimulus Package. If a full package is approved, it may be appropriate to include a discussion on how it applies to the Council's work at the next meeting.

Acknowledgement of Absences:

Mr. Kollar moved to acknowledge the absence of Mr. Venable, seconded by Mr. Davis. The Council voted unanimously 10-0 to approve the motion. (Ayes: Landau, Powell, Davis, Kollar, Sanford, Duckwall, Clary, Leiner, Allen, Vickers. Nays: None.)

Items from the Public:

Greg Myerson spoke from the audience and referenced published letters written by James Hansen relating to global warming. He suggested that the letters should be put on the CSC website.

Mr. Hoekstra joined the meeting.

Group Ethics for Committees:

Sue Schwartz, Neighborhood Planning Manager with Housing and Community Development, gave a presentation on group ethics. She pointed out the importance of maintaining public trust, and the Group discussed components of violating public trust including lack of transparency, an unclear process and

the inability to have input. Ms. Schwartz led the Group in a discussion of conduct to abide by and being an active listener through open and active discussion. The Group continued their discussion on the rules of ethics pertinent to committees noting the following key points:

- Be aware of conflicts of interest.
- Be inclusive.
- Seek out inclusiveness.
- Be respectful of different points of view.
- Seek to understand opposing opinions.

Mr. Curry will consolidate the ideas brought out in discussion and distribute them to Council members.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Group, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Landau and Bob Powell
Co-chairs

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