

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Community Sustainability Council (CSC) was held on Monday, April 9, 2012 in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, commencing at 3:20 p.m. The following members were present: Co-Chairs Joel Landau and Bob Powell, Marlene Sanford, Carolyn Allen, and Art Davis. Staff present included Jamal Fox and Valencia Roner.

It was noted that a quorum of members was not present at the meeting.

**ENERGY GRANTS UPDATE:**

Ms. Roner reported that there have been 972 applications to the BetterBuildings program. Memorandums of Understanding with Guilford County Schools and Moses Cone will supply the money for grant homes being serviced. In addition, new debt collection software will allow data to be collected from every resident and commercial building served.

Ms. Roner stated that the formula grant is winding down and will officially end in August, 2012. The City's internal sustainability policy to manage energy and improve efficiency by department will begin in January, 2013.

**GREEN FAIR & FUN FOURTH PLANNING:**

Co-Chair Powell reported that the Green Fair subcommittee met and began planning for the Fun Fourth event. The subcommittee also met with the City's Fun Fourth Committee and received approval to be part of their event. He said that a location for the "village" needs to be chosen and potential groups to populate the village need to be contacted.

Co-Chair Powell stated that the main tasks at hand are to (1) engage all the groups and bring together a village of people, and (2) determine special activities including the recognition of the different groups present along with some type of publicity event.

Members discussed the best way to identify vendors as a short time remains to iron out details. Potential groups mentioned included City agencies, vendors from the library list and the VF list, vendors from the online Piedmont Environmental Alliance list, Environmental Stewardship, Greensboro Beautiful, and the sixty groups participating at the first CSC open house. There are tentative plans for 25 booths at the event.

**CSC PROPOSED WORK PLAN AND STRUCTURE:**

Co-Chair Landau reviewed the directive from the interim City Manager to submit a proposal on the structure of the CSC along with a work plan. Co-Chair Landau indicated that the interim City Manager plans to establish the CSC as an official board with by-laws.

Co-Chair Powell stated that efforts will be focused on redrafting a plan for the CSC. He felt a list of questions directed at the structure of the Group should be addressed at the next meeting when more members are present.

Ms. Sanford felt that the list of items not yet addressed in the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) should be reviewed. Ms. Roner stated that staff will send the list to the Co-Chairs prior to the next meeting.

Co-Chair Landau indicated that the interim City Manager said that the CSC should devote their next two meetings to determining a direction. It was suggested that the CSC should meet quarterly after June, 2012 with a staff update on the SAP once a year.

Responding to a question, Ms. Roner stated that staff reports quarterly on the implementation of the SAP as varying parts of the Department share data relating to Plan.

Members discussed the importance of the continuing the educational effort for sustainability. Ms. Allen inquired about the status of an Awards Program as previously discussed. Ms. Sanford asked staff to create a matrix of accomplishments from the SAP for CSC members to review toward the development of an awards work plan.

Co-Chair Landau stated that he will send members an e-mail containing a list of proposed work plans for the CSC to discuss at their next meeting.

#### **ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Ms. Allen gave an overview of the Panel on Sustainability that she recently attended at UNC-Greensboro. She also attended the North Carolina Sustainability Energy Association Conference. The event focused on citizen information and education.

Mr. Davis reported that he attended the first Solid Waste Task Force meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Group, the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Landau  
Co-Chairman

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