

**CITY GREEN TASK FORCE  
MEETING April 16, 2009  
Approved Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Robert Cannellos  
John DeCarion  
Everett Fennell  
Patricia Lodge  
Ira J. Raab  
Arnold Rimm  
Myles Schack  
Steven Scherer  
Carol Shein  
Al Vazquez

**Others Present:**

David Hanks  
Neil Melick  
Commissioner Muoio  
Penni Redford  
Pat Painter  
Suzanne Schluter

**Call to Order/Sign In/Changes to Agenda**

Meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm.

**Minutes**

- **Steve Scherer moved to approve March 19, 2009 minutes as presented, Myles Schack seconded, minutes were approved unanimously.**

**Remarks by Chairperson Al Vazquez**

**Unfinished Business**

- **Meeting Time/Changed to 4-6pm, discussion of need for more than one meeting was held:** City staff thought that meeting only once a month at the present time was sufficient until the City had a better plan of action to request recommendations of the Task Force. City plans to work with a consultant to advance more quickly in making and implementing a sustainability plan. Discussion included that the Task Force could be working on things other than what the City is specifically requesting, for example things brought up at the Summit. Many thought that it was important to meet twice a month in order to cover all topics and to be an integral part in creating the plan. It was agreed to meet twice a month, on the first and third Thursdays from 4-6pm. Penni Redford will follow-up with meeting date/time/location.
- **E4 Sustainability Summit Discussion:** City staff requested feedback in two areas: logistics and content on summaries. Comments by Task Force and visitors:
  - Transportation breakout session facilitator was competent and focused.
  - Energy breakout session was ok, not excited about result, not focused enough.

- Pat Painter did a great job, captured issue best.
- Outstanding for first one, off the charts for community involvement.
- Sustainable Communities breakout session was unfocused, but priorities that came out were ok.
- Some facilitators were very good and others were not focused and keeping participants focused.
- Venue was not conducive to breakout sessions; noise level from other sessions was an issue. More time was needed in sessions.
- John Grosskopf, (TRC Solutions, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Sustainability) thought it was great for a first summit.
- Green Building breakout was good.
- Transportation breakout session had a great facilitator.
- Green Collar Jobs are always the last to come, once other initiatives start, they will come along, the best thing we can do here is assist community colleges to get programs going.
- Other ideas to get working on: community garden, using empty industrial areas to start something green such as bio-fuel, job training.

Office of Sustainability is working on a final report.

- **Initiatives and Priorities – “GreenPrint”:** already discussed

### **New Business**

- **Discussion of City’s Stimulus Package Projects:** Neil Melick explained that the City is applying for Stimulus Package money from the U.S. Department of Energy. The City should be entitled to receive \$1,000,000 from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant if we are able to have an energy plan in place and complete the grant application by June 25, 2009. There are other monies possibly available on a competitive basis that we will look into at a later date. The City is requesting that the City Green Task Force make recommendations by the next meeting on the Energy Block Grant project proposals that were e-mailed and distributed at this meeting. The CGTF is encouraged to make additional project proposals that will be considered at the same time. Energy reduction and job creation will be the most important things to have in the projects that are chosen. There will be an audit program so our outcomes must be measureable; transparency is vital with benchmarking, auditing and measurable goal outcomes clearly presented. Other opportunities may become available by working with companies on projects, such as Enerfuel or FPL and those options will be looked at as they come up.

### **Discussion Points:**

- Possible solar collector system project with FPL: This is a fact finding sub-committee project at this time.
- Pat Painter had recommended the LED lights in the parking garages as the project with the most carbon savings. Most members thought this was probably a good project. City staff

stressed that we are looking for creative projects that impact carbon reduction, job creation and model projects that could be continued.

- Most members thought LED street lighting would also be a good project as additional lighting might also help with safety issues and possibly increase commerce in the area.
- The solar water aerator project: Although not high profile, it would be very beneficial, however, it is not an energy savings as we do not currently have electric or gas powered aerators. It would be a cost savings and environmentally beneficial since it would very significantly decrease the amount of herbicides and algaecides needed (approximately \$70K/year).
- Solar powered buses.
- The Green Model home would be a good and high profile project; it could also be a project for competitive monies or a partnering project.
- Youth Job Corps, Greening your House and The Green Model Home are all projects that are interrelated and might be considered together. Very well liked due to job creation.
- Solar Powered Litter Containers.
- Recycling bins are still needed in more places.
- Water issues: Grassy Waters Preserve has been doing water conservation programs since it opened and we expect to expand these programs. The water plant is currently examining its future. Looking at what size it needs to be, will it be surface only or some ground water, etc.
- The Berkeley Model of loan/self-funding was brought up as a way to help with some projects in the future such as low flow toilets, drip irrigation, etc.

No recommendations were made. Task Force members will study projects and bring their ideas to the next meeting at which time recommendations from the Task Force will be formulated.

### **Future Meetings**

- Next meeting should be May 7, 2009. Penni Redford will follow-up with meeting date/time/location. E-mail will be sent out to confirm.

### **Adjourn**

**Steve Scherer moved to adjourn, Everett Fennel seconded, all were in favor.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.