

**CITY GREEN TASK FORCE
MEETING JULY 17, 2008
Approved Minutes**

Members Present:

Steve Corson
Michelle Parenti
Ira Rabb
Myles Schack
Steven Scherer
Al Vazquez

Others Present:

Patrick Painter
Penni Redford
Peter Robbins

Minutes

- June meeting minutes approved as revised.

Remarks Steven Scherer, CGTF Chair

6/23 Meeting with Mayor: Steve Scherer and Pat Painter met with the Mayor with these outcomes:

- Fact finding subcommittees are now allowed, can gather information to present to group, cannot develop recommendations, meetings do not need to be 'noticed'.
- Subcommittees can send emails to group, they do not have to go through Penni, please copy Penni on all emails so that an accurate record may be kept .
- No meeting minutes are required of subcommittees.

Office of Sustainability: Discussion included:

- Should the City have an Office of Sustainability? Funding could come from savings made by the City through conservation. Discussion of need to have an office established in order for complex issues to move forward quickly enough.
- Motion made by Ira Rabb, seconded by Steve Corson and passed by CGTF: "The City Green Task Force recommends that the Mayor pursue establishing an Office of Sustainability, with a Manager of Sustainability, without any increase in the City Budget and that its future justification be based on savings generated."

Recommendations:

- Request an updated list of all recommendations made by the CGTF to be sent to all members for review, then would be sent to Mayor and all Commissioners after group's approval.

- We could request that Commissioner Muoio bring these recommendations to the Commission until the Office of Sustainability was established.

Unfinished Business

CGTF Logo:

- Peter Robbins presented revised City Green logo. Michelle Parenti recommended using 'Green City'; Steve Corson conducted a quick internet search and did not find any right issues with this; the lettering was slightly out of alignment, Peter will make revisions and send out to Task Force.

Roebuck Road:

- Pat Painter presented written summary of City's opposition to Roebuck Road.
- Permitting has begun, at SFWMD; is being reviewed by City for all impacts; there is limited time for public comment.
- Steve Scherer summarized issues: review by attorney; impacts on water use/decline in availability, snail kite, noise; need to mobilize the community; work with permitting issues at SFWMD and Corps of Engineers; timeliness of public notice.
- Motion made by Ira Rabb, seconded by Al Vazquez and passed by the CGTF: "The City Green Task Force recommends to Commissioner Muoio that she reconvene the Committee of Neighborhood Presidents to mobilize against Roebuck Road."

'Recycling' follow up:

- Discussion on reducing or banning use of plastic bags within the City and City government.
- Request the Recycling subcommittee (Al and Michelle) look into getting sponsors to pay for 'City Green' reusable bags, check n legality of banning some plastic bags.
- Motion made by Al Vazquez, seconded by Ira Rabb and passed by the CGTF: "The City Green Task Force recommends to the Mayor that City departments stop dispensing non-biodegradable plastic bags to the public."

Initiatives

Initiatives List:

- Suggestion to review all initiative due to changes within membership and discuss at upcoming meeting.
- Al Vazquez selected two initiatives: Sustainable Urbanism and Green Business. Could make a list of sustainable products available, do not want t promote individual vendors.
- Ira Rabb presented handouts: 'Many Realtors learning benefits of being Green' and 'As Work on Southern wraps up, some urge changes'.

Initiative Status Reports:

- Michelle Parenti: Email on fleet fuel conservation very impressive, Peter Robbins will invite Bruce Kreft to present brief overview of progress.
- Steve Corson: will send out an example of a Carbon Footprint assessment from the University of Florida.
- Steve Scherer: City should make an initiative to promote car pooling. City has established 'Transportation Days', Peter will invite the City Coordinator to give the task force an update. Transportation Days handout was passed around for review.
- Pat Painter provided handouts on E-Waste.

New Business**Carbon Disclosure Project: Pat Painter:**

- Illuminates corporate responsibility with carbon liability; 700 of the largest corporations worldwide, \$53 Trillion worth of assets are interested; feel that a 'carbon tax' or cap and trade are coming.
- The City has been selected as one of only 10 Cities worldwide to participate in this study. WPB is unique as it has the water catchment area to work as a carbon sink. Pat met the project coordinator at the conference he attended earlier this summer.
- Motion made by Ira Rabb, seconded by Michelle Parenti and passed by the CGTF: "The City Green Task Force recommends to Mayor Frankel that the City accept the invitation to participate in the Carbon Disclosure Project."

Clean Marina Program: Steve Scherer:

- Could be of interest, request follow up presentation from FDEP.

Green City Designation: Steve Corson:

- Interested in obtaining a 'Green Government' designation and will report back on details of program.

Subcommittee: Michelle Parenti and Al Vazquez.

- Established the Source Reduction and Recycling subcommittee:
- Motion made by Al Vazquez, seconded by Ira Rabb and passed by the CGTF: "The City Green Task Force recommends that the City include snipe signs within the definition of litter under the City's anti-litter ordinance."

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Commission Chambers, August 21, 8:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned.