

**CITY GREEN TASK FORCE  
MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2008  
Approved Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Everett Fennel  
Harvey Hathaway  
Michelle Parenti  
Ira J. Raab  
Steven Scherer  
Al Vazquez

**Others Present:**

Pat Painter  
Penni Redford

**Minutes**

- Ira Raab moved to approve November minutes. Harvey Hathaway seconded. Discussion included request for addition of mention of three day fuel supply under Fleet/Transportation Presentation and attachment of presentations if possible. Pat Painter mentioned that the City is undergoing a vulnerability study. November minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

**Remarks Ira Raab, CGTF Acting Chair**

**Unfinished Business**

- **Appointment of new chair:** Ira Raab will send nomination to Mayor to approve Al Vazquez as new chair before January meeting.
- Ira Raab moved to suspend agenda and go directly to Pat Painter's report of the Tampa Area Sustainability Conference that he attended since Pat was not able to stay for full meeting.

**New Business**

- **Tampa Area Sustainability Conference Report:** Pat Painter reports that the conference was very interesting. We are ahead of many of the cities/counties in that we have already conducted a carbon footprint audit for the operational components of the City government, though a few cities (i.e. Gainesville)/counties (i.e. Alachua & Sarasota) are far ahead of us. There is a fever pitch around the sustainability issue. All participants are recognizing the economic restrictions, but this can also be an opportunity and we need to focus on the positive aspects of the economic situation that could spur us forward toward more efficient standards across the whole spectrum of America.

## Unfinished Business

- **Scheduling fact finding visit to the Zoo:** Planned for January 15. Penni Redford will coordinate with Terry Maple. If possible, short meeting will be at the Zoo before visit. She will e-mail information to all members as soon as available.

## New Business

- **E4 Sustainability Summit, 2/25/09:** Penni Redford explained that Mayor Frankel is supporting initiatives to move towards sustainability. She has signed an agreement that the city will reduce its' carbon output by 70% by 2050. Mayor will be having her state of the city address on January 14 and she is stressing sustainability. Mayor is creating an Office of Sustainability, which has not yet been completely defined but will be initially staffed mainly by Penni Redford, Teri Jabour, and Suzanne Schluter from Grassy Waters Preserve overseen by Pat Painter. GWP will be moving from under Parks & Recreation to Public Utilities because that is where most sustainability efforts are in most city structures. GWP will be divided, one part still running programs, mostly school groups and improved interaction with visitors, the other part working mostly on sustainability.

The summit will be held February 25, 2009 from 12pm-7pm (draft agenda attached). The summit will be a bottom up effort with the city to develop a strategic plan. The first step is to get information, look at the short and long term things that can be done. The purpose of the summit is to have businesses, residents, & city departments participate. It will be held at the Himmel Theatre. There will be speakers and breakout sessions. We are looking to get concrete output from the stakeholders. Keynote speaker may be Thomas Friedman. We are looking for your input for speakers, facilitators, sponsors, and exhibitors for the summit and please let us know if you are interested in helping above that. Your input regarding the breakout sessions is also requested.

Discussion followed: The relationship between CGTF and Office of Sustainability should be defined. CGTF would like to be at the State of City Address and have a table at the Sustainability Summit. This might also be a good opportunity to recruit for the CGTF. Ira Raab moved to have PR request tickets for CGTF to attend State of the City Address, Steven Scherer seconded and all were in favor. Penni agreed to do this. Plans for CGTF to get a brochure ready for Summit were discussed.

- **Community Garden: Shirley Graham, City's Community Redevelopment Agency:** We have heard that there will be a community garden being developed, but do not have any further information at this point. Teri Jabour has a meeting with Shirley Graham and Penni Redford will get further information to you after that.

- **Green Building visit opportunity:** David London from the audience recommended visiting the Ramano Law Firm's EcoCenter, a living building in Lake Worth. Tours available afternoons in January. It was decided that this opportunity will have to wait until after the Summit as preparing for that will take up available time/resources until then. The building was built using the ideas of Dr. John Todd and the New Alchemy Institute, where research was conducted from 1971 to 1991 on the creation of ecologically derived human support systems - renewable energy, agriculture, aquaculture, housing and landscapes. For more information: <http://www.nature.my.cape.com/greencenter/home.htm>. Dr. John Todd was recommended as a speaker for the summit. Penni Redford will look into this.
- Next regularly scheduled meeting: January 15, 2009, 8:00 AM. Location to be announced by Penni Redford.

**Meeting adjourned**