

**CITY GREEN TASK FORCE
MEETING February 5, 2009
Approved Minutes**

Members Present:

Patricia Lodge
Harvey Hathaway
Myles Schack
Steven Scherer
Al Vazquez

Others Present:

Penni Redford
Suzanne Schluter

Remarks Al Vazquez, CGTF Acting Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER / SIGN IN

2. SUMMIT AGENDA UPDATE (PENNI REDFORD)

- Press Conference was held 2/4/09 at Elder's Cove to announce Summit and start the carbon neutral project – 70 cypress trees were planted around the lake. The Friends of Elder's Cove is trying to restore Ecoart project that was destroyed by the hurricanes. This was also an opportunity to show off the new entrance to Dreher Park. Many attended including Vicars House children and parents, Summit Sponsors, the Mayor, GWP volunteers & staff.
- The posters are done.
- Registration forms available.
- CGTF can help get the word out, community bulletin boards, etc.
- The Mayor wants at least two people from each neighborhood
- Summit will be on TV18
- Agenda (attached)- 11:00-11:30 adding Federal Stimulus Incentives towards Sustainability
- Exhibitors are mostly Sponsors – no fee, put in an application, but we will not be able to accommodate everyone
- Considering convention center for next year – more time to prepare, more space, draw more participants
- Shaw Group will pay for offsets this year and help to calculate carbon footprint
- We are looking for sponsors
- We are staying transparent in all that we do. Everything is going through the Legal and Ethics offices.

- There will be City staff in each department who will be point people with the Office of Sustainability
- Sustainability initiatives from City departments are already coming in – they will be shared with CGTF soon.

3. CGTF MEMBERS BREAKOUT SESSION CHOICES

- Ira Raab – Transportation
- Steve Scherer – Clean Energy
- Evertt Fennell – Green Building
- Al Vazquez – Sustainable Communities
- Patricia Lodge – Water Resources
- Michelle Parenti - Recycling

4. EXHIBIT COORDINATORS: STEVE S. & AL V.

- Steve and Al will help coordinate exhibits, this CGTF contribution.

5. CGTF RECRUITMENT TABLE & BANNER

- Table to solicit volunteers. We need people at the CGTF table. Need people at the registration table during registration hour. Need TF member in each breakout session.
- We can include information in the registration packet (which will be a bag made of recycled plastic bottles).
- Could the info just be at the registration table? Information on one side of page, application on the other. All available CGTF members should be at the CGTF table from 9-10am.
- Suzanne to send back meeting notes to Al Vazquez so that he can prepare a one-sheet information sheet on CGTF for prospective members.
- No maximum number of members for the TF, we can add as many as we like, committee to review applications – Jack Frost is in charge of that committee.
- We will be able to grow the group to the size we want. There was a lot of good feedback from the televised meeting. We need to broadcast these meetings.
- The first one on the air should be substantive.

6. SUGGESTIONS/ASSISTANCE

- Ideas:
 - Are there any exhibitors that are about public transportation, car pooling? Maybe South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis Study sfecstudy.com would be interested.
 - Shareride should be an exhibitor
 - Could the Library put on an exhibit on-going after they are set up in City Center, perhaps monthly lectures.

- Members of the Task Force along with Sustainability Office could work together to provide lectures. (We need to talk about this more after Summit and after Library is moved.)
- We need to look at the City as a whole, not just City Government
- City will lead by example – others will follow.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

- Electric car presentations
 - Zenn car – Zero Emissions No Noise
 - Retrofit to Prius to make it nearly completely electric
 - Electric motorcycle
 - Scooters
 - Foreign Auto – will be at Summit
 - HOP shuttle – will be at Summit
- City planning to purchase three electric vehicles for downtown use in 4th quarter of 2009
- Will we meet on 2/19?
 - Consensus that we can cancel 2/19 meeting
- Next meeting 3/19/09
- Next meeting should be dedicated to discussion of Summit – brief presentation, PowerPoint shown?

8. NEW CHAIR

- Al Vazquez has been confirmed as the Acting Committee Chair.

9. ECO-PLEX TOUR

- Green building, less expensive rental, modular means earlier move-in
- Tour available on 2/19
- Tour could be set up another time

10. MEETING TIME/PLACE

- Revisit meeting day/time – many would like third Thursday from 4-6pm, more members should be able to get to meetings, people can continue discussions after meeting, there are some conflicts for some people with current meeting time, no firm decision made at this time.

11. ADJOURN