

Attendees:

Judy McGuire (Chair)
Dian Seidel
Betsy Johnson
Daniel Button
Warren Rizzi (staff)

1. Update on Climate Corps

Warren got in touch with two of the students and they declined to participate due to other commitments. They (Dian and Warren) haven't pursued anything further. **Warren will call Claire (one of the college students from last year) who has not yet been contacted.** There's a possibility of having the students do an audit via a phone interview rather than a house interview. If we did this we might get better buy in from the residents who would not have to clean up for a house visit. Judy knows a marketing firm that offered to train the students if we are interested in doing this. If Claire is not interested then Daniel Button might be willing to do it. **Daniel will put together a proposal for the committee.** We also might be able to tap one or more of the high school students who participated last year who will be going to college next year. **Warren will call some of them to see if they are interested.**

2. Update on Bike Day

Town will put out a message tomorrow.
We have about 14 volunteers plus people from WABA, WMATA, Griffin bikes.

3. Update on streetlights

In a meeting with Stuart Sessions and Judy McGuire, Al Lang, Council Liaison to the Public Services Committee, expressed his opinion that he does not feel that the amount of carbon reduction (30 tons/year by his calculation) is enough to justify our committee's involvement in the selection process. Stuart and Judy expressed their opposite opinion to Al Lang and John Barnes, the PSC member also at the meeting. Pepco has replaced the streetlights with high pressure sodium lights, which has already reduced the carbon footprint. The Town will wait until the new bulbs burn out to upgrade to anything different. The decision on how to go will probably be made within the next two years. Judy emphasized that it is the increase in the number of streetlights that is heavily affecting future carbon footprint. Dian reiterated that fact that the Town Council endorsed the Chevy Chase Challenge, which commits to town to reduce streetlight carbon emissions by 49-98 tons (from a starting point of 98 tons) by 2012. That constitutes 1% of the Town's overall carbon reduction.

4. Communications –

Daniel has inputted the names of people who have participated in our programs and will attempt to match them with demographics (age, sex, children living at

home), geographic location in Town, and year house was built. The data will be used to analyze participation in our programs, geographical coverage, popularity of different offerings, and where we are falling short. We will use these data to report on our work as well as to develop a marketing and communications strategy. **Daniel will organize the data and provide summary statistics at the next meeting.**

5. **Designation as Green Power Community**

(<http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/communities/index.htm>)

Judy asked whether it would be worth while to become a Green Power community which requires entering into a partnership agreement – to purchase green power, designate a local campaign meeting, etc. We would have to promote the purchase of renewable energy in the community. There are grants we could get if we were designated a green community. Discussion centered around the question of whether we have the capacity to do that much outreach to the community. The Committee decided not to pursue this.

Warren will write a Forecast article on the greening of the town office

6. **ICLEI update** (regional meeting May 5, 10-2:30, Rockville); national meeting in DC Sept. 24 ff. at which we will get award for milestones). Warren is the official town representative to ICLEI. Judy suggested we use the award to get greater publicity for the Town's efforts and to recognize either Todd or the Mayor for our achievements.

7. **Summer Schedule –**

Judy suggested that we meet only once over the summer, in July. This was accepted. The date is to be announced.

Next meeting May 18, 2010

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Submitted by Betsy Johnson