

Attendees:

Judy McGuire (Chair)
Dian Seidel
Betsy Johnson
Daniel Button
Julia Craighill
David Lublin (Council Liaison)

1. Update on Bike Day

Date and Location: May 2 in the afternoon at Chevy Chase Elementary

Organizing team: Betsy Johnson, John Coble, Andy Knaus, Judy McGuire

Proposed Activities:

Bike repair tent

Bike rodeo to be run by Washington Area Bicycle Association (WABA)

Bike donations

Biker's corner for info on where to go riding, info on equipment, etc.

Bike to work day promotion

Bike generator (as an activity)

Judy will set up a meeting with WABA soon to get their ideas and assistance.

2. Panel Discussion – April 8

Dessert and discussion about climate change hot issues (Charles Ebinger, Stephen Seidel, Alexandra Teitz, and Juliet Eilpirin).

3. David Lublin's idea – addressing energy from the supply side

David presented an idea he had that perhaps the town could subsidize some renewable energy sources at the homeowner level (i.e. solar, geothermal)

Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of doing this – or whether it might be more productive to just expand the energy audit program. **Judy will gather some information on solar and pass it along to the rest of the committee**

4. Discussion on Street Lighting Evaluation

David suggested that our committee could work with the Public Services Committee on reviewing the street lighting report from the consultants.

Our committee has some concern about the number of new lights being proposed (which will increase carbon output) and whether all the lighting options were studied. For instance, lowering the height of the lights was not studied – instead the recommendation is to cut down the trees. There isn't anything in the report on how other jurisdictions have handled street lighting to improve town ambiance.

David said that the main goal of the study was to improve safety in the town.

Judy will approach the Public Services Committee to continue the discussion.

Members of our committee are to read the report and send Judy comments by March 1.

5. Julia Craighill – Green Homes Proposal

Julia, Chair of the Green Homes working group, proposed the following to incentivize the use of green building techniques in renovations and new home construction in the town: the town would pay for 2 hours of consultation with a green building expert to any resident considering building addition, major renovation, or building a new home in Town. Taking advantage of the consultation and following up on the recommendations would be optional. The consultation would serve as education for homeowner, architect, and builder and would, hopefully, encourage the use of certain techniques in the project. Judy will ask ICLEI whether there is a precedent for this type of action. We discussed asking some architects and builders what they think. **Julia will craft a more detailed proposal for future consideration.**

Next meeting March 23, 2010

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Submitted by Betsy Johnson