

Climate Protection Committee
Minutes
Meeting Oct. 12, 2010

In attendance:

David Lublin
Judith McGuire
John Kolakowski

The meeting will be on Tuesdays. Judy to follow up and determine which Tuesday works best. **Judy to follow up with Town to determine best timing.**

The group discussed work program and agreed to the following:

1. Midterm assessment will go forward, managed by Stuart Sessions
2. The Green Home incentive program should continue being developed as a free advisory service for residents. The Town Council would have to weigh costs against priorities but if a convincing case is made, a pilot for 10-20 homes might be considered. Managed by Julia Craighill.
3. An effort to help residents understand and access PEPCO programs to improve energy efficiency and incentivize more energy efficient HVAC and appliances will be undertaken. John Kolakowski will manage this in collaboration with Suzanne Parmet.
4. Reducing the carbon footprint of one's diet will go forward. This will entail showing "Fresh" the movie, offering vegetarian and local food, and helping link residents with local CSAs and farmers. Judy McGuire and Carla Graeff to manage.
5. Improving our communications to increase our effectiveness, especially improving home energy efficiency, will go forward. Judy McGuire, Carol Rubin, Stephanie Lowet, and Keith Blizzard will work on this. This will build on previous work (focus groups, evaluation of audit program, assessment of participation) as well as lessons learned from other communities, and draw in as many Town communications and marketing experts as possible.
6. Jointly with the Environment Committee we will work on the Green Home and Garden Tour. Task for all: nominate homes/gardens that would make good sites for tour. Workforce to be determined.

The CPC will not develop an adaptation plan this year. We will not continue the Climate Corps next summer unless it has a role in some other initiative. We will not be engaged in Trash and Treasure or promoting freecycle since the Environment Committee is already taking care of that. We did not discuss the walkathon/bikeathon or climate block parties. We will be vigilant for initiatives that would require external support so that we can develop pre-approved proposals (this might be relevant for the energy education center at the Lawton Center once the County decides to let Common Cents Solar put solar panels on top). We intend to stay involved with the streetlights issue.