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**Medford Energy & Environment Committee Minutes
October 2nd, 2017, 6PM
City Hall Room 201**

Barry Ingber, Luke McKneally, Kathleen McKenna, John Rogers, Lauren Laskey, Laretta James, Bob Paine, Nicole Morelle, Cutis Tuden, Matt Drapeau staff Alicia Hunt
Guests: Luke Jandl, Ken Krause

1. Administration

- Approve minutes from July 24th, 2017 and September 11th meetings
 - Approved July minutes
 - Approved Sept minutes
- Attendance and administrative updates
 - Alicia will be asking the Mayor for permission to hire 2 more interns for during the school year.
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2. Energy and Environment Priorities:

6:15-7:30

Policy

- Municipal Energy Aggregation
- Mayor Burke requesting a CoW to have the Melrose Energy Coordinator speak to the City Councilors about their comprehensive outreach program
- Gas Leak Ordinance – Councilor Lungo-Koehn brought this to the City Council, we believe she was going to hold a Committee of the Whole. There was an article on the front page of the Transcript. Currently gas leaks that don't have any threat to health or property are not required to be fixed and typically are never fixed. They say that they don't pay for the repairs because there is no ability to recover the cost of doing the repairs, although they could take the money out of their general cost of doing business. The only city we know that has their own gas leaks ordinance is Boston. You can look up maps of reported leaks at <http://heetma.org/>
- Styrofoam + Plastic Bag Bans – Students at Medford High circulated a student petition last year on this topic, the students who were driving this had graduated. Friends of the Mystic River & Mystic River Watershed Association had a joint meeting last winter where they discussed this topic and there were several residents who are eager to promote this topic. Ken Krause has been trying to get a group together on this topic.
 - The MEC would like to take up this issue. Somerville & Cambridge have plastic bag bans already. What are we talking about here? Because people re-use the plastic bags from grocery stores.
 - There should be clear definitions of what's banned and the timelines. Restaurants? Can

the Food Pantry use them?

- Ken will have a display and ask people to volunteer for this effort at the Friends' Annual Cleanup this weekend. He'd like to have an ad hoc group that would include people from this committee.
- The Mass Sierra Club has an email list for connecting people working on plastic bag bans.
- Should we have a display on this at the Energy Festival? Ken will look into a table especially if Curtis can staff it with a student.

Building

- Police Station, Library, Streetlights
 - Lauretta went to Somerville and prefers the 3000K, she also noticed that some of the arms on the lights come out much further than the ones in Medford. With the 4000K fixtures it was hard to see the fixture because it is so bright. She felt that it was glowing on people's homes.
 - Curtis also found that the bright is very white and blinding
 - Alicia is recommending a pilot in West Medford Sq, the block with CB Scoops and Warren St & Playstead 1st block, to compare 4000K and 3000K.
 - Andover has a pilot at Barlett & Chestnut St. Alicia forwarded an email to the committee.
- Police Station
 - Luke attended a meeting with Alicia.
 - The Police Chief wants a lot of stuff on the 1st floor, so there's an active decision on how high the building should be elevated and how it should be protected from flooding. Building equipment will be raised up regardless.
 - 2nd hour of the meeting was about energy efficiency, the consultant assigned by National Grid and being paid for by NGrid is excellent, well respected in her field. She has experience with police stations as well as other commercial buildings in making the building more efficient, particularly starting with the building envelope and then the equipment.

Event Planning

- HYEF – discussed the details for what we need from members of the committee for the day of, please come at 10am to help setup.
- Medford Green Awards - approved the awards Bob sent to the committee.
 - **#1) Accardi Foods: Large Rooftop Solar Array** – receiving John DeVirgilio, Managing Partner
 - **#2) 101 Main Street Condo Association: Environmental Upgrades Throughout Professional Building** – Sam Tarabelsi, President of Trustees of condo association & Paul Larkin, building manager
 - **#3) Sarah Florenz and Susan Schmidt Tufts Park: Installation of Community Gardens**
 - **#4) AC Hotel: LEED Certified Hotel in Medford** – receiving award Chris Moulton, Regional Director of Operations/General Manager
 - **#5) John Preotle: Clean up and Greening of Malden River**
 - **#6) Energy Smart Alternatives: Geothermal Installation Company in Medford -**

receiving award Jayme Ciaramitaro, Owner

- #7) Suman Gautam
- #8) Cathy Young
- #9) Jonathan Hunt
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Communication

- Discussion of Go Green Medford
- Airplane Noise/Pollution – the noise affects 30,000 residents per the Citizen Advisory Committee; one of the outreach groups (Logan Noise Outreach Group) will be at the festival to do outreach at the festival and teach people to fill out the complaint forms. They have information about air pollution monitors as well.

3. New Business

7:30-8:00

- Fells Education Partnership
 - Tufts Partnerships
- Medford Public Schools composting
- Community Preservation Act grant ideas
- Friends of the Mystic River have a cleanup this Saturday

4. Adjourn

8:00

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