



City of Medford
Medford Energy Committee
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Medford Energy Committee Agenda
May 4, 2015, 6PM
City Hall Room 201

Attendance: Jonathan Hunt, Curtis Tuden, Luke McKnealy, Barry Ingber, Sergi Valme, Laretta James, Bob Paine, Kathleen McKenna, Alicia Hunt

1. Administration

- Approval of the Minutes of April 6, 2015 meeting - approved 6:00-6:10

2. 385 Stories to Go Green campaign (A. Hunt) 6:10-7:00

- Website update
- Email your story to enviro@medford.org, you can send a picture or link to a video.
- Outreach materials (flyers, cards, materials)
- Update on posting of stories
- Attend May 31st Community Day – Bob, Laretta, Sergi, Curtis, Jon, Kathleen – maybe
- Since there is no other flyer right now, lets just use what the half-sheet we currently have, unless we have something else.
- Should we add the URL to the handout so people can take it away?
- Laretta and Cathy talking about a prize to give away.
- Went around the room and said what their stories would be

3. Subcommittees updates

a) Education - (Tuden) 7:00-7:10

- Save that Stuff – composting and recycling company will be doing walkthrough at MHS and advise them how to expand and help with composting program. On Thursday Curtis will be picking up the compost bin and 3 recycling bins from MA DEP. Culinary Arts will start composting in June, whole school depends on the walkthrough. Staff from food services will attend the walkthrough with Curtis & Alicia.
- Roots & Shoots will support the program with moving stuff around. Custodians don't do any recycling, so it has to be done by the students.
- Save that stuff could take anything biodegradable, including meat. On site composting would be only vegetable matter.
- Students not that interested in anti-idling campaign but Curtis will request the signs from the state regardless; Alicia will arrange to have them installed at the school.
- Community Conservation Education Partnership – June 10th, 10-noon - project to get students outside, doing conservation projects that day. Curtis helping to organize, Alicia & Denis will be providing activities for some of the groups including storm drain labeling, park cleanup and pulling of invasives.

- b) Recycling (McKenna, McKneally) 7:10-7:20
- Went to Waste Management single stream recycling plant – was fascinating. things we can actually recycle – broken glass isn't really a problem for them.
 - Luke needs to step down from the recycling subcommittee, doesn't have time.
 - Schools are working with fabric recycling company as a fundraiser. The schools get money based on weight.
 - Update after the meeting: The subcommittee needs a new chair.
- c) Green Awards - (Young) 7:20-7:30
- Put on website report
 - Laretta, Bob, Kathleen,
 - Reviewed the Pasadena application & old Medford application. Discussed substantial changes. Luke & Bob will create an editable PDF that everyone will proofread and will be attached to these minutes rather than a listing of the changes here. Luke and Bob will circulate the draft in the next 2 weeks so we can have a final version at the Medford Community Day.
 - Dates: Awards presented on 10/3/15, Decisions approved at committee meeting on 9/14/15, Deadline for submissions 9/1/15. Committee will meet to review applications 9/2 or 9/3. Any applications received by 8/18/15 will be circulated to the subcommittee to review in advance of the meeting.
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- d) Harvest Your Energy - (A. Hunt) 7:30-7:40
- Need someone to help with organizing – discussed need for an intern or office volunteer.
- e) Alternative Energy Park – (Young) 7:40-7:50
- Next Monday – 5/11 in the reference section of the library, start at 7?
 - Luke hoping to have a presentation on passive house that he can do for the AEP subcommittee, have it for the meeting. This would be about building a self-sustaining building that does not need to be connected to the Grid.
 - Cathy contacting Barbara Rubel at Tufts about this.
4. General Outreach & Communication 7:50-7:55
- Upcoming events for potential MEC participation
5. New Business 7:55-8:00
- Alicia provided info on Eversource transmission new line.
6. Adjourn 8:00

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