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Medford Energy Committee Agenda Minutes
June 1, 2015, 6PM
City Hall Room 201

Attendees – Cathy Young, Jonathan Hunt, Barry Ingber, Sergi Valme, Luke McKneally, Laretta James, Bob Paine
Guest: Suman Gautam

1. Administration

- Approval of the Minutes of May 4, 2015 meeting 6:15
Approved.

2. 385 Stories to Go Green campaign (A. Hunt) 6:10-6:30

- Website update – Alicia needs to add Sergi’s stories to the 385 website.
- Outreach materials (flyers, cards, materials) – Let’s have a table at the July Circle the Square, the theme is “Upcycle, Recycle” and the organizers, CACHE, would love to have the Energy Office represented there. The June topic is “Create”, Alicia will ask for a table at the July event.
- Update on posting of stories
- Cathy is going to draft an outreach flyer
- Laretta will ask for several of the pink lighting boxes as a donation gift. If she cannot get them donated, Alicia will ask National Grid to donate them.

3. Subcommittees updates

a) Education - (Tuden) - Curtis couldn’t attend tonight.

b) Recycling (Young) - Susan cannot continue as chair. Not clear that there is someone who is willing to take this on as a leadership role. They were interested in setting up a compost exchange. Cambridge has a model of how to do this. Should we leave it inactive for now and see if there is interest in the future? No one at the meeting felt able to take on the leadership at this time. Cathy will check in with the current members about whether any of them would want to run the committee.

c) Green Awards - (Paine) - reviewed the application for the awards. Concern about the term “(<500 miles)” – Luke let us know that under 500 miles is considered sustainable in terms of LEED and green building process, after extensive discussion it was decided to remove that item. We also decided to add “e.g.” at the beginning of each line of examples. What about people who don’t get awards? If we want, they can get a letter from the Office of Energy & Environment thanking them for their efforts.

The application can be printed out and written on, or it can be filled out online, saved and emailed.

How can we get applicants? Let’s ask on facebook and Medford Mass to recommend possible

businesses and residents.

Alicia will speak to Janet about the Green Awards application.

Bob Paine agreed to Chair the subcommittee.

- d) Harvest Your Energy - (A. Hunt) - Alicia hopes to get an updated spreadsheet up this week.

A former intern, Casey, will be volunteering in her office this week and this is a priority. She will also have Casey send out save the date emails to past vendors.

Alicia will ask Denis to update the Save the Date flyer.

- e) Alternative Energy Park - (Young) - The Mayor isn't running for re-election and this was his vision. He has said that if we can provide him with details soon, he will try to get funding for the project.

Cathy contacted Barbara Rubell about getting support and help from Tufts for the project. She specifically asked about the architectural department to do the plans for the project.

Lauretta suggested that we ask John Preotle of Rivers Edge about donating the time and expertise.

Jon shared key design requirements from the document the committee put together last time.

We have to be clear to the Mayor that there would be ongoing costs to such a building, like maintenance and service costs.

A composting toilet would be the most obvious source of ongoing costs.

We will need to develop relationships with businesses to pay for the project and to help with the ongoing costs.

We may want to consider making it net-positive instead of off-grid. We only need a small portion of the solar panels that we're showing on the building.

Additional ideas on plans and funding should be sent to Cathy for collection.

Would like demonstration ideas that they can use as part of the fundraising, but then implement later.

4. General Outreach & Communication

- Upcoming events for potential MEC participation 7:50-7:55
- Circle the Square, July 16th, 4-8pm. - Alicia will confirm a table, will do the matching game that Susan designed last fall.
- Medford Farmers Market? Starts next Thursday
- Next meeting? July 13th No meeting in August, there will be sub committee meetings in August.

5. New Business - Cathy will re-circulate the subcommittee list. Please say what you want to be on.
- Do we want to have a tree at the Jingle Bell Festival this year? We've discussed it before, we may need some lead time to do it. Lauretta is interested in decorating it.

6. Adjourn

8:00

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