



City of Medford
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Medford Energy Committee Minutes
June 2, 2014, 6PM City
Hall Room 201

1. Administration

- Approval of the Minutes of May 5, 2014 meeting -Approved
- Revisions/update to Energy Committee website (J. Hunt)

We will retire the Medfordenergy.org site and put the information on to the medfordenergy.org/gogreen site. This will be an umbrella site that will also have information about other green projects in Medford, eg, the Community Garden Commission. Alicia will create the following pages ASAP: Energy Committee, wind turbine, HYE, Energy Blog

- Next meeting will be July 14th, then Sept 8th

- Update on by-laws status and development of procedures (Young)

Cathy will meet with the Mayor on Thursday to review what the Mayor wants with regards to items in the ordinance that are not in line with current practice.

- MEC project advising - Status update of draft letter for MEC review (McKneally) - postponed
- Alicia has a new intern in the office, Casey Hagerty. You may see her or hear from her if you stop by or call the office. Another intern, Cara, will start July 1st.

2. Update on 2014 Active Subcommittees

Should we have young people or others on subcommittees? Having other residents on subcommittees is a great resource. We currently have 2 on the recycling subcommittee. We have also talked about and tried to have a student be a liaison between the Tufts Community and the Energy Committee.

Susan will talk to UEP students about posting interest in having someone attend our meetings as a liaison, Susan will contact the Sustainability office about circulating an announcement in their newsletter about the Energy Committee looking for a liaison. She will circulate a proposed paragraph to the committee before submitting it.

- 2014 Subcommittee Status Updates - Midyear target assessments:

a) Education - (Tuden) 6:20-6:35

Guest speaker going to the Guidance Class to talk about what it's like to be an energy auditor Thurs June 12 at 11:20am, he is staff at Next Step Living. Curtis is meeting with the Voke Director next week to talk about connections with it. Curtis sent email with more details and Kathleen sent information about the Green Apple Day of Service. She is looking for a teacher or school to do something green that we can register with the Green Apple Day of Service. Maybe Curtis could launch the kill-a-watt meter program as part of the GADS and the Vocational.

b) Recycling (Altman) 6:35-6:50

Meeting will be tomorrow night.

c) Green Awards - (Goldsmith) 6:50-7:05

Announcement was on page 2 of the Transcript last week. Intern created a posterboard for us to use at the Circle the Square. Think about having a gathering for honorees to get their input on future awardees. We

would need someone to organize the event. We floated the idea of having it at the Rivers Edge, Hospital or the hotel. Jeff will organize the event. Alicia will contact Rivers Edge.

*Alicia will edit the letter to past winners and then will circulate so the committee is aware and then Casey will mail it out.

Finalized the letter asking people to nominate their friends. Letters can go out as soon as they are finished being edited.

d) Harvest Your Energy - (A. Hunt)

7:05-7:20

Paper shredding is confirmed through the Mayor's Office – Linda will manage

RefoamIt will collect Styrofoam

Curtis talking to Karen Rose about flu clinic or pharmaceutical dropoff

Bicycling Recycling – Curtis talking to Bikes not Bombs about a bicycle donation

Contacting the library about doing a book drive

Could we do dropoff of paint, motor oil? A special paint dropoff?

Composting workshop? Susan may have some contacts she will send to Curtis.

Letter to exhibitors available, exhibitor signup form now available and circulated via email

*Alicia will send mail to Susan and ask them if we can have a volunteer speak with the vendors at the Farmers Market about having tables at the festival. Laretta is willing to go talk with each of the vendors.

Can we have a hot beverages vendor? We will discuss this at the next HYE meeting – food will be the agenda of the next meeting.

e) Alternative Energy Park – (Young)

7:20-7:35

Meeting next week at Cathy's house. Will have a large map of the area so we can look at layouts.

Phase 1 was the wind turbine

Phase 2 – solar on parking lot, solar house, green house

Cathy will ask the Mayor to approve the statement before it is made public. This is what we'll use to ask for investments and donations, and it could be a lightning rod once it is public.

3. Planning & Policy/Cross---Mission

- LEAP – Review list of goals and update for 2014 (Young, McKneally)

7:35-7:40

This document will stay alive if we review and update it each year.

*Alicia will follow up with the person from National Grid that expressed interest in helping.

The City is a member of the Better

- Green Communities Program Update - MEC efforts to support city meeting its required goals. (Young, McKneally, James, J. Hunt, Goldsmith) 7:40-7:45
- Potential opportunities for Medford under Governor's new Climate Change Plan (Young) 7:45-7:50

4. General Outreach & Communication

- Blog post updates (Altman)

7:50-7:55

Bob sent an article about the new carbon standards to Susan to post but we're having technical difficulties. We should get it up tomorrow.

Susan will send posts to Cathy & Alicia before they get up on the site so they can read them and check them for political lightning.

5. New Business

7:55-8:00

Is there going to be a Community Day? Should we participate? September 21 at 1pm.
Alicia will send list of dates of fall events to the committee.

6. Adjourn

8:00

For accommodations please call in advance: 781-393-2137 or TTY: 781-393-2516

MEC mission: To promote policies and actions that improve energy efficiency, encourage conservation, and increase the use of renewable energy to meet our present needs while considering future generations of the Medford community.