



## City of Medford

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Medford Energy Committee *Agenda*  
March 3, 2014, 6PM City  
Hall Room 201 *Minutes*

Attendees: Jeff Goldsmith, Cathy Young, Susan Altman, Curtis Tuden, Jonathan Hunt, Brett Sullivan, Bob Paine, Luke McKneally, Laretta James, Kathleen McKenna; staff: Alicia Hunt

Start time: 6:05

### 1. Administration

- Approved the Minutes of February 3, 2014
- Development of MEC online calendar to track meetings and events (Young) - please add subcommittee meetings, goals, etc.
- Review of draft ordinance sent to MEC members on 2/20/14 (A. Hunt) - The committee reviewed the skeleton ordinance that Alicia sent around and discussed the details. Susan will put the decisions into clear, coherent language and will send it to the committee for review and word-smithing. Alicia will take the finished version to the Mayor along with other committee ordinances. Please see the draft for the recommended changes.
- MEC project advising - status update of draft letter for MEC review (McKneally) - Luke will draft for the next meeting.

### 2. Update on 2014 Active Subcommittees

- Review info for new spreadsheet which lists goals and objectives for each subcommittee (Young) - Cathy passed around the spreadsheet of goals and objectives. The purpose is to make the goals & objectives clear for everyone. She requested that people update it.
- 2014 Subcommittee Status Updates:
  - a) Idle-Free - (J. Hunt) (Need to identify new subcommittee lead) Idle-Free will roll into the Education Subcommittee - they will add the promotion of idle-free to the objectives of the Education. Jeff Goldsmith & John Rodgers should be added to the Education Committee.
  - a) Education - (Tuden) - Home Depot donated 5 kill-a-watt meters and 3 gift cards for \$25 each. Curtis will show the students at Roots and Shoots how to use them and have the students test things at home and they will post the results. Then they will get other students to come to the meetings and learn how to test their appliances. Curtis will see if the Environmental Teacher would be interested in giving extra credit for using the kill-a-watt meters and posting results.
  - b) Education - Susan - talked with Tufts about a partnership with the Tisch College and will follow up on that.
  - c) Recycling (Altman) - Susan would like to expand charter of committee to address use & consumption. Add Alicia & Jeff to the committee. Susan will have updates at the next meeting. Perhaps add explore increasing the types of materials that can be recycled in Medford. Subcommittee will pick meeting time off-line.
  - d) Green Awards - (Goldsmith) - Committee will meet after this meeting to get started. Jeff will



Chamber of Commerce to committee. Should announcement be at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce? Does he have an idea for an appropriate venue to announce it.

- e) Harvest Your Energy - (A. Hunt) - 6:30 - 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month - next meeting will March 26<sup>th</sup>. Alicia will share details and information and provide information people need at that meeting. Event is Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.

### 3. Planning & Policy/Cross-Mission

- Discussion of the Mayor's long term goals and how can the MEC can work to support these goals. (Young) - Cathy met with the Mayor last week to discuss long term vision. His priority project is to develop and create an alternative energy park at Riverbend Park. Cathy will put forward a proposal on how we can work on that in the future. Interest from the Mayor is for solar over the parking lot, green house, solar house, and water energy technology. Other "alternative energy parks" exist, but are very different.
- LEAP - Review list of goals and update for 2014 (Young, McKneally) - tabled to next meeting
- Green Communities Program - MEC efforts to support city meeting its required goals. (Young, McKneally, James, J. Hunt, Goldsmith)
- Potential opportunities for Medford under Governor's new Climate Change Plan (Young) - Princeton Power is ahead of the game - large scale battery systems for charging and controlling generators from wind and solar. They have put these systems into a variety of places. We're also waiting to hear about grant opportunities from the state. The Mayor is in favor of us connecting to Harvard or other schools that are interested in prototypes.

### 4. General Outreach & Communication

- Blog post updates - we had a schedule, but that wasn't working out. People have been sending Susan and Jon posts periodically. Some people have been better than others in sending them posts. Susan will add a reminder to the calendar to ask people to send it to
- Email list - the email list will be [mec@medfordenergy.org](mailto:mec@medfordenergy.org). It will send you a password reminder monthly, you will need that if you ever want to review the list archive. The City may be making mailing lists for commissions.
- Mystic River Watershed activities/Medford Square Cleanup - There will be a Medford Sq Cleanup, but not in April, it will be in June as part of the Environmental Art & Film Festival, which will allow other people to participate. There's not much trash in Medford Sq that weekend.
- Medford Arts Center - Environmental Art and Film Festival *June 20-22, 2014* - kick's off during the first Circle the Square, volunteers should talk to Susan, they would like more planners; Farmers' Market starts in June  
(Paine)

### 6. New Business

- Laurretta asked about a handwritten letter she got about doing a home energy assessment at her home - Alicia is familiar with the company, but didn't know they were advertising in Medford.

### 7. Adjourn

8:00

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