

Waltham Energy Action Committee

Thursday 7pm, August 09, 2012

Public Meeting Room, Government Center, 119 School St.

Minutes

Members Present:

Leo Keightley, Eileen Zubrowski, Melissa Downes, Tony Dover

Others Present:

Jim Mniece

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Ms. Downs called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Announcements (10 min)

- Eileen noted that all City photovoltaic installations (installed by 2011) are operational.
- The 128 bus council Eco Festival is postponed to Spring or Fall 2013
- Waltham Day sep 15:
 - We need brochures (WEAC(including PV installation as accomplishment?)) and our own table.
 - Possibly we can include the WEAC 2011 annual report which includes a list of last year's accomplishments
 - Can we now talk about the PV installation?
 - Eileen offered to determine attendance hours and circulate a table manning signup list. Jim Mniece ended up taking this task (see Outreach/Waltham Day below).
 - Ask Kathy if she can bake cookies in the solar cooker, and Andy to bring his tandem bicycle
- Jim note that the last Sunday Globe had an article on Hubway in Boston.

Approve Meeting Minutes (20 min)

- [July regular meeting](#)
Minutes were accepted unanimously
- [Review & approve Priorities meeting](#)
This was put off because we want to be sure if we're approving minutes and/or the list of priorities (which isn't yet in a final form).

Committee Updates and Status

- [Green Communities \(25 min\) - Melissa](#)
The subcommittee is waiting for responses to determine the date of an Aug/Sep meeting
- [Complete Streets \(15 min\) - Leo](#)
I mentioned that since there was not a quorum for the July meeting there was nothing to report and the same agenda is in place for the planned 15-Aug. meeting.
Leo reached out to several rail trail groups. There seems to be positive activity. Tony thinks gets positive feedback from the community.
- [Communication \(10 min\) - Emily](#)
Emily plans to meet with the City's IT dept (Donny Aucoin, and Eric Rizzo) to update website and

make plans to train Emily on maintaining the site. This is an important advancement for the subcommittee's agenda.

Emily is working on enhancing the Facebook site.

Should we plan on re-convening the Green Forum (probably Jan-'13)?

- Should this be under communications or a sub-group?
 - Eileen thinks this is too big to be handled as a Communications Subcommittee project.
 - Tony suggested that tasks be defined by the Comm. Subcom. but do discussions and work breakout from the full committee.
 - Eileen suggested that the upcoming Forum be more like a meeting (discussion) or a program (presentations and discussion).
 - People think the Forum discussion session was very effective
 - I noted that the priorities list we are working on is directly from that discussion.

Outreach Efforts

- **Waltham Day Sep. 15 (10 min) - Jim**

The WEAC application is submitted.

Can we talk about PV, GC, Stretch Code and progress in any of those efforts?

- Tony suggested we can mention to people they can ask elected officials to support GC.

Are there people to work?

- Hours: 10 AM to 3 PM.
- Setup at 9 AM and no leaving early.

See discussion above .. Jim will do polling to find out who will do what.

- Including presentations requested from Andy and Kathy, and adding the American Flag possibly to be provided by Allison Mooney .

- **Sally Collura, Chamber of Commerce, Sustainability Committee TV Show (10 min) - Eileen**

That event has been delayed, possibly to next year.

- **Connors Pool update (10 min) - Stacey & Melissa**

Melissa couldn't contact Kevin Hollenbeck (no response) and is looking for other contact.

Eileen said maybe we can get information on energy use and production of the facility.

Tony said if contact efforts fail he has a contact on the energy story for the pool.

Eileen said she can also help getting contacts.

- **Jan. Forum '13: Discuss timing & ownership for the event**

See "Communication / Should we.. Green Forum" above.

New Business

Remaining statuses - pending items from last month

ToDo list:

- Melissa reviewed completion of the ToDolist from last meeting.
- The new list is included with minutes of this meeting as file "2012-m08-d09_ToDo.pdf."

How do we feel about not meeting one month in summer

- Tony said yes for July or August
- Leo said yes suggesting both July and August
- We will bring this up at the September meeting
- We took a poll and everybody agreed with taking Jul and Aug off (subcommittees can meet).

Closing

Next Meeting – September 13, 2012 - Public Meeting Room, Government Center, 119 School St.
The committee adjourned at 8:30 PM.