

Detroit Green Task Force Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2011

-Minutes-

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Kenneth V. Cockrel, Jr., in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 13th Floor.

Introductions – Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Water Subcommittee Update

- Water agenda document is being finalized
- For the September meeting there will be a presentation on the agenda
- Water projects
- Water Subcommittee would like DW&S to attend their meetings
- Green Water Infrastructure: What can we do?
- Next meeting Thursday, August 11, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Youth Subcommittee Update

- Working on Youth Summit, September 24, 2011, U of M Detroit Center
- Wards and scholarships will be given to select participants
- Contact for more information: Roshani Dantas 313-224-4718, dantasr@detroitmi.gov
- Opportunities for young people
- This is not just for the Detroit Public Schools

Metro Detroit Climate Justice Task Force Update

- A DVD – heat awareness announcement (Public Service Announcement) has been shot and has been on cable rotation, channel 22 on Comcast public access and channel 10
- Detroit seniors staying healthy in the heat
- Heat impacts our body:
 - Stress
 - Sweat
 - Muscle spasms
 - Heat stroke

Solid Waste / Recycling Update

- High odor at incinerator
- Community outreach strategy for complaints on the odor
- Odor logs = record smell and time and health experiences
- People cannot open windows at night in the heat due to the odor

Recycling

- Mary Grove College small grant for recycling

Non-Motorized Task Force Update

- 27.44 bike lanes and routes complete
- 30 more miles to be completed in Mexican Corktown
- Second & Third Avenue convert from 1 way to 2 way
- 60 miles of bike lanes in Detroit by summers end
- Bike friendly awards for businesses and schools

Green Building Subcommittee Update

- Green building policy – draft of policy complete
- Building management policy
- ASHRAE 189.1, potential code for municipal buildings
- Need a framework for external building
- Green building team to be developed
- Follow Energy Star policies
- Draft will be edited, then moved forward

POLICY UPDATES

Anti-Idling

- Anti-Idling workgroups
- Purpose – support city with ordinance
- August 18th is the next meeting
- Canadian, US border & Mexican town are hot spots for idling
- Working with SDEV & Clean Energy Coalition
- Healthy Business Program – Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision, 313-842-1961, SDEVweb@gmail.com
- Idling wastes fuel
- SDEV planning a fuel efficiency workshop to educate about the ordinance
- Anti-Idling technology
- Business policies and how they can change
- How to save money
- Education materials on the ordinance

Kayak Ordinance

- Meeting with Recreation Department was positive toward kayaking off Bell
- Currently you need a permit, this is under change right now

Presentations

Detroit Youth Energy Squad (D-YES)

- 20 graduates make up the group sponsored by the Warm Training Center
- They do basic home weatherization – door to door
- Replacing shower heads 1.5
- Aerator faucet fixture – adds air to water
- 1.6 gallon toilet is efficient
- Put in Tummy Tanks
- Window kits – keep cool air in, in the summer and hot air in, in the winter
- Door surveys for door drafts
- Caulk for drafts
- Basement – hot water tank pipe insulation keeps heat in the pipes so you can turn down the water heat
- Light bulbs
- LED night lights
- 1-1.5 hrs per visit
- You receive \$150.00 in product
- To make an appointment call 313-894-1030

Next Energy

- Green Economy / Sustainable City
- 501 (2)© @ Cass & Burroughs
- Alternate fuels platform, stationary micro grid, R&D lab, conference facility and offices
- Green transfer of Detroit
- Development of a thriving green economy
- Job creation through green land use reform
- The Team = Next Energy & Clean Energy Coalition, 2-3 people per team
- Advance lighting solution = D-Light, Michigan Energy Office Lighting Development Grant
- Energy efficiency: success with EECBG program
- Fleet Optimization: 480 k grant for hybrid hydraulic upgrades
- Green Purchase: fuels as first commodity
- DPW: solid waste advising committee

Announcements

- No August meeting

The next Green Task Force meeting is schedule for September 22, 2011, from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Coleman A. Young Center, Committee of the Whole 13th floor. Date is subject to change and all will be advised if a change is made.