

Detroit Green Task Force Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2011

-Minutes-

Meeting was called to order at 3:06 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

- The subcommittee met last week to discuss the water agenda
- A draft should be available for the November Green Task Force meeting
- There is an opportunity for Detroit to create a water shed plan
- October 20, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. is the next subcommittee meeting, they will discuss what a water shed plan for Detroit should look like
- DEQ – Detroit River is a priority area
- DEQ will be at the meeting to guide the conversation on the water shed plan

Youth Subcommittee

- The Detroit Youth Green Economy Summit 2011 will be on Saturday, September 24th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Detroit has been known for automobiles, but we may not be known for that in the future
- The focus of the summit is Green Economy and its future
- Follow this group and the summit at www.DetroitGreenYouth.org also on Facebook and Twitter
- Call 313-224-4718 to register by phone
- Raffle and prizes
- This is for Youth of all Ages!

Green Building Subcommittee Update

- There is a draft for Resolution to Establish a Municipal Green Buildings Policy for City of Detroit Municipal Buildings
- There will be a savings to the city over time, not just in energy, but for the environment of the City of Detroit
- We need a Sustainability Officer and a green building team to implement the policy
- Supplies and resources can come from implementing the plan
- Job creation opportunities for the residents
- A specific action plan – may take LEED, ASHRAE or E-Star approach

- Team will decide the approach by auditing
- Officer elected will be within 60 days of the policy adoption
- Cost savings may fund the officer position

POLICY UPDATES

Anti-Idling

- This group met on September 21, and an action plan is developing
- How can we further support the ordinance?
- Reviewing other cities ordinances to see what they are doing
- Next meeting is in October, no date set yet
- A good city model is Charlevoix, Michigan

Kayak Ordinance

- You currently need a permit – 1 day, this is problematic
- The Recreation Department accepts the new process and procedures
- Hopefully the whole process will be complete next year
- We are looking at daily and seasonal passes
- \$5 daily, \$25 seasonal = April through October
- Applications for seasonal pass will be online to print out and then submit in person
- Cashier checks only, also have drivers license available
- Permits need to be displayed in your cars
- Kayak group needs to meet one final time before the end of the year

PRESENTATIONS

Clean Emission Fluids “Truck Stop in A Box”

- Leading edge fast clean fuel stations
- Clean emission fluids = CEF
- Company is 4 years old, first station is at Next Energy
- Proves you can use bio fuels all year long
- There is a big demand for blending – you can change at the pumps
- We can save fleets on fuel
- CEF stations can attract companies into the city
- Station building at Focus Hope
- We are creating jobs
- 60-70% cleaner exhaust emissions
- Retro fit programs
- Challenges – fuels, emissions, time and cost
- Any fleet can bring on bio fuels
- FAST – Truck Stop in A Box
- IFAST – technology lowering fleet fueling costs
- ISupply – hands off fuel and fluid delivery

- Detroit based company, co-owner Oliver Baier
- For more info call 888-969-3437 or go to www.cleanemissionfluids.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No October Green Task Force meeting
- Exceptional Green Living is creating a 20 unit condo complex, model to be complete 6-8 weeks
- For Green Building Subcommittee – many have pitched in to apply for a grant
- Court case – low income efficiency fund, this helps people pay bills, this has been reduced
- Grant – Bikes Belong Coalition – to find out if bike lanes impact our cities
- We need a bike map that shows good and bad routes
- Saturday, September 24, 2011, Noon to 6:00pm, Harvest Festival D-Town Farm
- Public hearing – Detroit City Council, Water, Wednesday, September 28, 4:00 p.m. , Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 13th floor, Committee of the Whole
- Downtown CDC meeting about the new jail building, September 29, 6:00 p.m., Central Methodist Church, second floor
- Sierra Club – Friends of Rouge – Rain garden guide, guide should be complete by the end of September
- October 2, bike route tour to look at water gardens, go to www.wheelhousedetroit.com
- October is Great Lakes Week, October 10-14 go to www.greatlakesweek.com
- Bioneers Conference, October 14-26th., for more info go to www.bioneers.org
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The next Green Task Force meeting is schedule for November 30, 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.