

Detroit Green Task Force Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2012

-Minutes-

Meeting was called to order at 3:02 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 – Melissa Damaschke

- Detroit Water Agenda – finalizing at this time
- March 19, 1-3 p.m. is the next meeting, we will be doing the final edits at this meeting
- Water Shed Plan for Detroit
 - Grant money available
 - Can key departments be invited to the March 22 Green Task Force Meeting to hear the Detroit Water Agenda presentation / Water Shed Plan?

Youth Subcommittee – Ahmina Maxey

- Currently planning the Second Detroit Youth Green Economy Summit
 - Summit will be on May 4th this year
 - We are looking for a location for the summit
 - Ideal location would have a room to hold 200 people plus small rooms for breakout sessions
 - Ahmina Maxey contact info 313-332-5389
 - Youth and green jobs, green economy and more
 - Age group – high school, but not limited to that

OTHER UPDATES

Non-Motorized Plan – Prasad Nannapaneni, DPW

- Safety project on Vernor Highway, bike lanes
- 11.6 bike lanes applied in Corktown
- 6 corridors for 2012 Safety Program
- Bike lanes in all corridors except 7 mile
- Where bike lanes went in, had the local support
- Overall bike lanes have been well accepted
- We have approximately 40 miles of bike lanes in the city and 30 miles of bike paths

PRESENTATIONS

Green Tourism – Jim Sayer, Adventure Cycling Association

- ACA has 45,000 members
- 2,000 mile route – Underground Rail Road Bicycle Rout
- REI gave ACA a grant
- ACA has been established since 1976, 35 years
 - Also do routes & mapping
- Bicycle Tourism
 - Michigan moving forward in this dimension
 - How can we position Detroit in the lead?
 - New U.S. Bike Route # 20 in Michigan
 - Have a non-motorized action plan
 - Do it as fast as you can – create a biking task force
 - Link to historical, cultural and hospitality sites
 - Biking is multicultural – how can you satisfy everyone, from people who want 5-10 mile rides to overnight rides?
- Rails to Trails works with ACA
- Bike share programs – may be coming to Detroit soon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bus Transportation Public Hearings
 - February 24, 2012
 - Public hearings regarding bus route transportation changes
 - Northwest Activity Center, 18100 Meyers Road, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 - WCCC Eastside Campus, 5901 Conner Street, 11:a.m.-1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
 - If you cannot make these meetings you can email comments to ddotcomments@detroitmi.gov
 - You can mail comments to: 1301 E. Warrant, Detroit, MI 48207
 - View route changes at: www.cidetroit.mi.us, department of transportation, route changes
- Detroit's First Annual Bicycle Show & Swap Meet, March 24, 2012, 10:00 a,=.m.-6:00 p.m. @ Michigan Hall @ Cobo Hall, www.detroitbikecity.org
- Sierra Club Rain Barrel Sale, April 14
- Sierra Club Bike Tour 12 miles, April 22, Earth Day
- Detroit River Project – working to declare the Detroit River as a World Heritage Site, for more information: detroitriverproject@gmail.com

The next Green Task Force Meeting will be on March 22, 2012. You will be advised if any changes regarding this meeting date are made.