

**Detroit Green Jobs / Green Business Subcommittee**

September 13, 2010

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Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Roshani Dantas, in the NextEnergy Center, Board Room.

Introductions – Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

**Purpose of Green Jobs/Green Business Subcommittee**

This group is meeting so that we can become informed as to the status of the availability of green businesses, jobs, training, opportunities and challenges in the City of Detroit.

We as a city are not seeing the jobs that were anticipated. We have more people trained for jobs, than jobs themselves. Energy efficiency and weatherization is now being completed by DTE but the majority of the positions are being filled by out of state labor.

The majority of attendees agreed that resident education should be a discussion point for future meetings. We need to define what “Green” is, let the residents know, then find out what their needs are. Home owner education can currently be found in a classroom seminar setting at the WARM Training Center located in Detroit.

We need to work on recycling/green incentive programs for residents, such as Ann Arbor has with the RecycleBank.

It was mentioned that everyone doing something green in the city should come together in one place, introduce themselves and give examples of their green businesses and initiatives.

**Small Group Discussion**

The group split into two small groups: Green Businesses and Green Jobs/Training

- **Group I: Green Businesses**
  - We need to discuss the barriers that we have and solve them so that green businesses can grow in our city
  - We need to set policies

- What policies are needed: Is our purpose to make life and the environment better or to create jobs?
  - The Ken Cockrel Jr. Green Purchasing Policy is a good start
  - Who should be our main contacts for green: Green consultants, architects, LEED consultants?
  - More companies should provide on the job training with certification upon completion
- What are our main green businesses
  - HVAC
  - Solar
  - Geothermal
  - Agriculture
  - Cleanup
- Who is employed and what is their skill set
  - People who are:
    - Certified in an area
    - Have degrees
    - Are job ready
    - Can learn on the job
- Residential
  - A main concern is resident/home owner education
- What are our main green businesses
  - HVAC
  - Weatherization
  - Material Recovery
- **Group II: Green Jobs/Training**
  - Training Establishments
    - Detroit Green Works
    - Henry Ford Community College
    - DWEJ
    - DM Green Group
  - Can we unify a training program?
  - There should be training for all education levels, from the simplified to the more complex
  - Companies need be aware of programs that pay for on the job training as well as incentive programs
  - Should there be a Green Regional Skills Alliance

**Opportunities/Challenges for Growing Green Economy in Detroit**

We should redefine the focus of the Green Job Subcommittee. Registry for green businesses and job training needs to be researched.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next Detroit Green Jobs / Green Business Subcommittee meeting has not been scheduled yet, all will be advised when a date is set.