

**Detroit Green Task Force
Youth Subcommittee Meeting**

October 19, 2010

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Meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. by Roshani Dantas at Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church in Detroit.

Introductions – Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Greenways/WARM Training Center Update

The floor was opened for members to talk about their experiences from their recent trips to Greenways and the WARM Training Center.

Members who shared about the trip agreed that solar panels, water barrels and other green things they saw during the trips were all very important.

Pilot Project Update

An update was given about a pilot project that the subcommittee has been planning. The project would be to recreate and restore a block of 12 abandoned homes, using the vision of the members as stated in the Youth Subcommittee's vision and mission statements and incorporating sustainable methods.

Safety issues regarding the homes for the project were discussed. Two of the homes need to be deconstructed and demolished, but another concern of the project is what will happen to the places where the two homes once were.

Ideas about journaling throughout the project were discussed. This way, the state of the abandoned homes can be compared before and after the project through the point of view of the members. This includes before pictures, which were taken by one of the members prior to the meeting.

A representative from Youth Detroit Builders suggested YDB could take part in starting the cleanup of the pilot project. A number of members decided to get together and get a plan together to start cleanup.

Fundraiser Update

One of the committee members discussed having a green expo, to which all DPS students will be invited. The main idea for the expo is a fashion show that will

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incorporate recycled materials into the outfits. This would serve as a fundraiser organized by the committee.

Green Ideas for Schools Update

Green curriculum and education ideas were shared. One of the committee members shared that she spoke with someone from one of the DPS elementary schools regarding starting a recycling program in the schools. This includes recycling ink cartridges as well.

Other members and representatives from local organizations/businesses also shared ideas about how to get green curriculums and education programs started. It was decided that the next step is to get members who can get meet and come up with some more solid ideas of how to put something in place for the schools that is community based.

It was decided that the programs should start with one or two schools.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next Green Task Force Youth Subcommittee meeting has not been scheduled yet, all will be advised when a decision has been made.