

Detroit Green Jobs / Green Business / Youth Subcommittee

November 15, 2010

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Meeting was called to order @ 4:10 p.m., by Roshani Dantas, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Barth Hall.

Introduction – Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Presentation of D4 – Sierra Club, Michelle Martinez

- D4 = Doing Developing Differently in Detroit
 - Promoting jobs
 - Sustainable development, quality of life, strong neighborhoods
- 3 committees
 - Transportation
 - Food Justice
 - Construction
- Community Benefit Agreements
 - Win win development strategy
 - Engage with communities
- Residential committee bringing together weatherization work
- Program coordination
 - Several pots of money
 - Dealing with labor and money
 - Different training institutions – different people – different levels, etc...
 - How can we make sure all are ready and competitive
 - Action – need local hiring requirements

Conference on Green Training / Education / Business Growth-Youth to Adults

Goal of Conference – provide a snapshot of where our green job training for youth to adults stands and the connection and creation to green economies now and looking ahead for Metro Detroit.

- Detroit Workforce Development
 - Start with youth so that they are qualified for the jobs
 - Training children on recycling, getting them into daily habits that they can keep up and grow on
 - Starting with children can give us a more solid foundation in the future
 - How do we create education for schools
 - How can we help the kids do what they need and want to do in their neighborhoods
- Youth Green Fashion Show
 - Who are we trying to draw in, who is our target
 - Net Impact – focus on sustainability

- College recruiters
- U of D, Lawrence Tech, U of M
- Cornerstone Learning
- Engage decision makers – so we can find a link
- DPS

Conference Format

- Let committee to 2-3 main efforts, so that we do not get lost
- Lets look at several of the good things that are going on in Detroit
- Maybe combine with Youth Day or River Days
- We need to educate, celebrate and connect. Educate as to what we have, celebrate what we are already doing, and connect to see what we can do in the future
- Have colleges there, vendors and companies so that kids and people can see what is companies and jobs are out there and what internships maybe available, and what education you need for the positions.
- Group by age first, and then come together at the end?
- Job fair and green lifestyles?
- Have sustainable lifestyles connecting to green jobs
- 1 day youth engage in a workshop with film and cameras outdoors?
- Give the kids a platform and let them run with it
- What age groups can we really cover at this conference?
- Green spelling bee?

We need one more meeting before the end of the year. Next joint meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Barth Hall.