

Minutes

SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

January 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Merry Rankin at 11:33 a.m. Those in attendance included Erv Klaas, Eve Doi, Irina Bassis, Carolyn Raffensperger, James Gaunt, Gerry Peters, Karen Shimp, Dan Krohn, Andrew Tulp, Jen Malone, Don Kom, and Steve Schainker.

Change in Task Force Membership

Merry Rankin noted the resignation of Vanessa Preast from the Task Force Faith-based Sector. Vanessa will still assist the Task Force in a consulting role. Mayor Campbell has provided the name of Mary Jean Baker, to replace Vanessa as a faith-based sector representative, to the City Council for approval.

Report From Sectors

The following reports were presented regarding the progress of the various sub-groups.

Residential: Erv Klaas noted his group continues their efforts in information collection.

Non-City Governmental: Carolyn Raffensperger and Irina Bassis informed the group that they had a meeting with McFarland Clinic facilities personnel and obtained a number of good ideas that will be transferable to other entities. In addition, they are planning for a luncheon discussion for their sector members.

Non-Profit: Eve Doi explained that they had obtained a listing of all of the non-profits agencies. They are developing a checklist of ideas for electric consumption reduction that can be shared with others in the sector. In addition, they have met with the Editor of the Ames Tribune seeking space in the newspaper spotlighting the success of certain non-profits agencies in reducing electric consumption.

Developers/Contractors: Andrew Tulp informed the members that they were researching what other communities were doing to accomplish electric consumption reduction.

Faith-Based: Jim Gaunt indicated that his group had created base-line consumptions (including information corresponding outdoor temperature and consumption) data for all of the 38 religious organizations in the community that have electric service.

Schools: Gerry Peters and Karen Shimp reported that they were awaiting a final decision by the Ames Community School Board regarding their facilities plan.

They did share a number of activities that the School District is currently engaged in toward electrical consumption.

Business: Dan Krohn and Jen Malone related to the group that one business had recently completed an energy audit. They hoped to review this experience and use it as a model to promote to others in the sector.

Review of Energy Auditing Services in Ames

Merry Rankin emphasized that energy audits are beneficial tools to help reduce electric consumption. Therefore, she invited representatives from the two companies that are under contract with the Electric Services Department to speak before the Task Force.

Don Kom, the Director of Electric Services, emphasized that the City provides incentives through our demand-side management program, Smart Energy, to reimburse our customers for energy audits for residences and businesses.

Jim Clark from Sustainable Living Solutions performs residential energy audits for the City. He shared a sample audit report and explained the current audit process. He indicated that about 66% of those who participated in the audit program have made minor to significant energy improvements to their homes, based on his follow up survey of participants.

Emily Rice from the Energy Group performs business energy audits for the City. She reviewed their process for conducting commercial audits. They are able to accomplish a Level #1 (Walk Through Assessment) or a Level #2 (Energy Survey Analysis) audit.

Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum

Other Comments Form Task Force Members

No additional comments were made by the members

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2011, at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.