



**Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2012, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
City Council Chambers, 140 West Pine**

Members: Ben Schmidt, Ross Keogh, Amy Cilimburg, Julie Osborn, John Freer, Aaron Hanson, Brian Kerns, Alexander Sievers, Dan Daly

Members Absent:

Others Present: Andrew Valainis, Carter Seymour

Facilitators: Susan Anderson (Sustainable Business Council), Kim Latrielle (Chamber of Commerce)

I. Announcements:

Mr. Keogh announced he is resigning from the GGEC and the August meeting will be his final meeting. He is planning to attend the UM Law School and will not have time to continue his Industrial sector position.

II. Public comments on items not listed on the agenda:

None

III. Approve meeting minutes:

The minutes for March 8, 2012 were approved as submitted.

IV. Administrative:

A. Municipal Climate Action Plan Update – Schedule future meetings

Mr. Valainis stated they continue to work on various strategies & implementation, and they completed a final job description draft to hire a new Director.

The committee gathered all available resources and developed a hypothetical plan for a conclusive budget for FY13 through FY15. The Leadership Team and staff will meet with Mayor Engen and Bruce Bender next Tuesday afternoon to discuss the strategies. After discussion, changes and approval, the final draft will be produced by April 20th and will be presented to a list of municipal groups before public notice is given.

Mr. Keogh stated they also discussed the implantation resource requirement in accord with the City planning budget process. The Mayor has included funding for a full time Director position, and funding for the first set of strategies contains the City vehicle GPS tracking, office printing policies and the Splash Montana solar thermal pool blankets. It also allows the Director additional resources to plan the strategy for phase 2.

Ms. Cilimburg said some strategies include policies and behavior changes and some require funding while others do not. There will be a number of effects this group can advocate and allocate direction for specific roles.

Mr. Hanson stated he visited the Smurfit Stone Container property and noticed some used bridges that are industrial grade and are considered waste. They are not wide enough for vehicles to drive over, but they would work for a walking bridge. They are transportable and are in excellent condition, but they may be expensive to purchase and move.

v. Non-Action Items:

A. Long Range Transportation Plan Update

No Update at this time.

B. ICC Green Building Code v2 – How should this standard interact with City projects.

Mr. Freer stated the International Green Construction Code (IGCC) plan has been released and they are currently waiting for the Climate Action Plan to be finalized to see if both plans are compatible for utilization. The IGCC is a consensus document that was developed through the International Codes Council. It was created for the municipalities and designed above the regular codes.

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) was active in the creating process, and the municipalities that started the LEED building program hindered the development of the LEED programs.

The IGCC is written exactly like the International Construction Codes (ICC) because it is a code that building inspectors and contractors understand. It is meant to be a minimum code level green and allows the same incentive to exist. It is designed to be less cumbersome and document heavy, and it allows minimal retraining with code officials.

Mr. Freer recommends the GGEC to advocate for the municipal projects to meet the IGCC codes. He noted they supported the County resolution and

will support the Cities projects to implement the IGCC. It may become part of the Climate Action Plan, and he encourages the team to address it and seek strategies to bring it forward.

Mr. Keogh asked if the City has a LEED standard program with the City. Mr. Valainis stated there are two strategies that include:

- New construction with certification where possible
- LEED codes for existing remodel buildings

Mr. Freer encourages the team to explore the different programs and he briefly explained the programs intent and mentioned they are not competing programs, but complimentary.

Mr. Kerns asked about cost differentials between the two programs.

Mr. Freer stated there are some projected cost variances with the IGCC, but is less than 1/2 percent, and there are good quality design teams that are producing high level LEED certification with less funding.

The team made comments about both Green building codes. (Inaudible)

VI. Action Items:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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