

3-3-2010

TOS Climate Change Task Force Mtg.

Meeting called to order at 5:11 p.m.

Those in attendance: Members: Nick Sucillo, Gary Edwards, Jim Kerstetter, Mary Stoecker (chairperson), Allyson Siwik, Debaure James, Sharman Russell. Visitors: John Crow (Gila Forum), Kurt Albershardt (Murray Hotel and garden), Teri Matelson (Planning and Zoning).

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Allyson Siwik made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Mary seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

EECBG: As of this morning, we expect to be within a week of having the agreement signed with the state. The Office of Sustainability is ready to hire a director. Ten applications were received for the director position. Those are being vetted by the city's personnel director. An interview committee is being put together. Task force is being asked to put together interview questions. Discussion was held concerning a member of the task force who has applied for the position and clarification was given that this task force member can continue in their capacity as Task Force member but cannot serve on the interview committee or write interview questions. Members were asked to submit possible interview questions to the chair. It is our hope to have someone hired by our next meeting. Peter Russell, Director of Community Development for the TOS, has asked to oversee the Dept. of Sustainability, which slightly changes the accountability of Director of the Department of Sustainability.

Volunteers to serve on the Interview Committee: Allyson and Gary volunteered. Chair will solicit a third by email.

Weatherization Program: March 24th, Doug Campion, with the Community Action Agency of SNM will be here to meet with interested parties. This is the agency that will be providing training to meet criteria in the EECBG. We will be joining with nearby counties to receive training for energy audits and meeting the needs of the EECBG, and this will be an initial conversation.

Proposed Pilot Project: In response to Brendan Miller's visit to the Task Force discussing NM's Green Economy Report, community stake-holders held a discussion about creating a pilot project to propose to the state for possible funding. The state expressed interest in focusing help toward Grant County. Sharman gave a report of the initial conversation, which focused around creating jobs, training, education, looking into powering our waste-water treatment plant by PV's. The group will meet again at the GC Conference Center at 12:15, March 11th.

EPA Grant on Green Jobs Training: GRIP/ Aldo Leopold High School have passed the first cut for this grant.

Brewer Hill development: no updates.

Planning and Zoning/Land Use Code: Teri, a member of P and Z, reported that the Land Use Code has been submitted to the TOSC. There was a question on the Solar Rights code, which apparently has not changed.

Action Plan: Chair reported that she is drafting an update on our One Year Review Action Plan to be taken to the City Council this spring. Some suggestions were given to Mary to include in our Review. A brief narrative will be included in the review, including a report on the change to LED traffic lights.

Suggestion was made to make sure a copy of the Action Plan makes it to newly elected officials.

Community input: John Crow from the Gila Forum (blog and website) to offer that the Task Force could post our minutes and receive its own secure space on the website to provide information to the community. Only Task Force members would be able to post on our site, though anyone could read our information. Questions were asked and answered.

Next meeting will be April 7th at 5 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debaura James