

6/2/10 TOS Climate Protection Committee

Members in attendance: Mary Stoecker, Jim Goodkind, Gary, Allyson Siwik, Jim Kerstetter, Debaura James. Community: Gordon West.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

The minutes from the last meeting were read. Gary made the motion to approve the minutes, Jim seconded, and they were approved as read.

Climate Action Plan update: Our presentation to the Town Council will be at 6:45 p.m. on June 8th. Mary went over the AP updated version of our 2009 Action Plan with the group and explained our indicators and thirteen recommendations. Mary explained the graphs which explain the changes in municipal/residential/commercial energy and water usage since 2003. Explanations were given for any increases or decreases. Strategies were noted for improvements in reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. This report was sent today to Council members so that they may read in advance. A committee member will give a summary of the report, explain the graphs and field any questions. Allyson suggested that some of our achievements and recommendations be highlighted. Nick Saucillo, Director of the Office of Sustainability, will be introduced. Mention will be made of the growing SC/GC Green Chamber of Commerce, demonstrating the motivation of businesses to move toward a greener economy. Committee members asked that the graphs be printed in color.

June 28th TOS Strategic Planning Meeting: Committee members were invited to participate in this meeting from 1-5 p.m. to give our input. Allyson offered to represent the committee at this meeting. We should bring our own Comprehensive Plan.

A discussion was revived from the previous meeting about evaluating how we see our task-force maturing, now that we have succeeded completing the Action Plan and in opening the Office of Sustainability. Mary shared with the group some thoughts the Mayor shared with her concerning the committee. Mayor Marshall will be at our July 7th meeting to field questions and to brainstorm our future. Nick brought forth his ideas about assisting our community toward transitioning toward being better adapted to the changing climate. We discussed the importance of keeping all the many burgeoning interest groups in communication with one another. The O of S does not yet have the capacity to be the clearing house for all of these groups, which provides a niche for this community. A lively discussion ensued.

Office of Sustainability report: Nick shared that, while in Santa Fe, he learned that The Green Jobs Cabinet under Sec'y Mondragon, will be here for our meeting as early as late June. He learned about a solar-powered waste-water treatment plant which was funded and is being built in Santa Fe, which could serve as a model for SC. Ken Hughes, a senior member of Sierra Club will be in Kingston, NM this Sat., June 5th to field questions about the neighborhood Blitz Program and PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy). He discussed the possibility that our community may qualify to float a bond under the PACE program. There will be an information meeting concerning the PACE funds in Albuquerque on Aug. 4-6. PNM will hold a forum on July 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 called Planning Your Energy Future to discuss the rate hike.

Allyson informed the group that new and improved

The next meeting will be July 8th.
Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debaura James