

TOS CP 7/7/2010

Members present: Jim Kerstetter, Mary Stoecker, Jim Goodkind, Sharman Russell, Debraura James, Gary Edwards, Linda Thompson, Alex Corondoni, Community attendees: Kurt Albershardt, Cissy McAndrew, Nick Sussillo

Meeting called to order at 5 p.m.

Minutes for June 2nd were approved with some minor corrections.

Mary announced that on June 8, 2010, the Task Force presented the updates to their Action Plan to the Silver City Town Council. A special meeting was held by the Silver City Town Council to work on their Strategic Plan. The Council a tactical plan for the next year.

An update was given by Debraura James on the recently granted EPA monies for Introducing young workers to green job possibilities and subsequent training programs.

Linda Thompson reported that \$38K was awarded to Workforce Solutions to train 20 people. Trainings: an Intro to Solar; and Solar-Hydrionics must be given before Jan.1, 2011.

PNM will be presenting their Integrated Resource Plan July 20, 5:30 to 7:30 at the Grant County Commission Office to educate consumers prior to the proposed electric rate-hike.

Based on the “Making Cities Resilient” campaign and the book, *The Transition Book*, the group discussed Silver City as a “transition town” and establishing our position. The Task Force discussed its role as a catalyst for this transition by finding careful language with which to communicate in a common or accepted language the need for transitioning to a more locally-based economy, reskilling community members to a greater level of self-reliance. Mr. Susillo explained that this transition will take at least a decade. Jim Goodkind corrected with the term “local reliance” or “regional reliance”. Sharman encouraged each of us to go home and carry on our own research on this concept of “a transition town”. Jim Kerstetter referred us to Sand Point, Idaho, which is a year out in its efforts to be a transition town. Nick referred us to “transition, USA” and “sustainable Tucson” on the web. Some states have transition websites. We will report back at the next meeting on our “homework.” The focus of our August meeting will be in creating a position on resiliency, transition, and the direction in which this Task Force is headed. Contact nikkizeuner@Z-Aconsulting.com or Nick Sussillo, nick.sussillo@gmail.com with thoughts and questions about transition towns and the EPA.

Cissy McAndrew gave a progress report on the Grant county Green Chamber of Commerce.

Our local chapter of “APPLE” (Alliance for Post Petroleum Energy Economy) will host guest speaker, Reinette Senum who is the founder of the national organization on July 27th at the Wellness Coalition.

Sustainability Director, Nick Sussillo, gave his report. He distributed a handout, “Sustainable Silver City: transition to Greater Self-Reliance” (see attached), which encapsulated his report. He discussed some grant possibilities, including one from HUD and one from EPA, “Climate Showcase Communities Grant”. He reports in the hiring process for a program assistant, as well as home energy-auditor. The Office of Sustainability is housed in the Silver City Annex building until the office is ready at the new convention center.

Next meeting will be Aug. 4th at 5 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Debaura James