

9-28-2100 TOS Climate Protection Task Force

Members present: Linda Thompson, Shelby Hallmark, Peter Burrows, Denise Smith, Jim Goodkind, and Debraura James.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. By facilitator, Linda Thompson.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read. July minutes received no suggested changes. Denise made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Jim seconded the motion. The minutes are approved as read. The 9-7 meeting minutes were read. Two changes in wording were suggested. Denise made the motion to approve the minutes as revised. Shelby seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as revised.

Old Business

Denise gave a report for the Office of Sustainability. The new carport is up and running. The solar panels have been online for four days, which gives a real-time, minute-by-minute report of the amount of electricity each panel is producing. It was questioned who would be cleaning/maintaining the solar panels. The frequency of rains, droppings from birds, etc., all affect the frequency this will need to be done. Denise agreed to look into that.

Construction won't begin on the solar array at the wastewater treatment plant until 2012. There are supplemental reviews being done currently. They must be completed before construction can begin. The Power Purchase agreement is still in negotiation.

The public building lighting retrofits are under bid currently. PNM is doubling rebates on fixtures and up to 50% labor on installing the fixtures, which means that we can get more for our \$24,000. The City Annex, the Police Dept. bldg., and City Hall will receive these lighting retrofits. It was previously expected that we would only be able to retrofit two buildings.

The Priorities of Inclusion in the new Action Plan: Each member was asked to prioritize the items we had listed. Copies of the "Bullet Points and Total Points", "Climate Committee Issues and where Committee Interests Fall", and "The Top Ten Issues Identified by the Committee" assessment are attached to the minutes. Linda explained how she collated the priority items. Discussion followed. It was suggested that we create over-arching "guiding principles" which inform creation and execution of short-term and long-term goals. Short term actions and the other for the "big picture" items, including advising municipal policy.

The group brainstormed three over-arching "guiding Principles":

- Conserve our local resources including water, land, forest products, habitat, wilderness, solar, and air.
- Create the broadest possible positive impact on the greatest number of citizens.
- Reduce dependency on fossil fuels.

The group will review, modify, and finalize these proposed principles.

Linda was asked to continue facilitating our meetings, and she agreed.

Denise asked to present at the next meeting about the energy-water nexus.

The next meeting will be November 2nd. At 5 p.m.

Jim made the motion to adjourn. Denise seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Debaura James