



Commission for a Greener Tomorrow

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Minutes

February 28, 2011

Birch Room, Wausau City Hall

Date and Time: The Commission for a Greener Tomorrow met on Monday, February 28, 2011, at 5:33 p.m. in the Birch Room of Wausau's City Hall.

Members Present: Fred Heider, Debra Weiss, Paul Grewe, Brian Bushnell, & Brad Lenz.

Also Present: Nobody today.

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted in the proper manner. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Heider at 5:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Brian moved to approve the January 10 & 24th 2011 meeting minutes. Paul seconded. Motion carried.

2nd Annual "Clean It Up, Wausau" event participation

Discussion centered on how we could help, and how we could get more people involved. By general consent we agreed to participate.

Become part of a regional group to create a sustainability plan

A meeting has been created, and results of that meeting will be presented to The Commission at the March 28th meeting. Creating a sustainability plan will give reason to recreating the original groups within The Commission for a Greener Tomorrow, and professionals in each field are planning on being available for other volunteers to tap for ideas too.

EPA CARE grant and air monitoring

Debra presented an overview of the EPA CARE grant and related webinar/teleconference. This grant is for \$90,000 to organize people around environmental pollution issues. A broad collaboration of groups is required. By general consent we agreed to have Debra complete what is required to apply for the EPA CARE grant that is due March 22, 2011.

BYOB produce bags project

Bob Karls was not present, but according to past minutes, we have several bags remaining and there was no cost to The Commission to operate this program. Bags were purchased for retail sale at Downtown Grocery and Rib Mountain Quality Foods in 2010 to benefit the Women's Community. If Bob Karls agrees to continue this project, then The Commission approves its continuation in 2011 to benefit the Women's Community.

Updating our email, website, and social media

Discussion occurred about creating an email, refurbishing our website for the upcoming sustainability forum, changing the domain name, reviewing hosting options, checking out our Facebook page, and directing traffic to us. Various members took separate tasks, and will act to make their part better. Paul will try to make a voice mail that is connected to our Gmail account. Brian will update our website.

Paul moved to approve \$100 for the "www.cgt.com" domain and other necessary procedures to make this happen. Brian seconded. Motion carried.



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May 13-14 Sustainability Forum: financial support / book purchase / movie showing

On May 13-14, 2011 the sustainability forum will be held on the UW-Marathon County campus. Friday will have two tracks: municipal and business, and Saturday will have three tracks: food systems, transportation, and households. A handout was presented before the meeting with a list of books, webinars, classes, and movies that could lead up to the sustainability forum. A citizens group in Wisconsin Rapids is hosting informational sessions in the library before our event, and the Marshfield citizens group is hosting a major household event: "Green Living and Energy Expo" on March 26th. We will wait until our March 28th meeting to approve any books etc to preview the sustainability forum.

Much has been done, and now sponsorship is needed to make this project of The Commission, and others, a success. Brian moved to approve up to \$1,000 to support the sustainability forum on May 13-14, 2011. Paul seconded. Motion passed.

Membership Drive

We now have projects that people can see tangible results when they participate. Now we need to tell them how to get involved. Paul moved to approve up to \$300 to advertise and host a membership drive in conjunction with Green Drinks if possible during the month of March. Debra seconded. Motion approved.

New/Recycled Ideas

A productive meeting was held with Wausau department staff about LED holiday street light decorations. If members of the public see LED fixtures that are washed out by the street lights, then they may decide not to buy LED lights for their home.

Next meeting: March 28, 2011.

Adjourned at 7:45 pm.