

SUSTAINABLE BLACKSBURG

Board Meeting – Minutes – 15 September 2010

Time & Place: 7:00 p.m. at Blacksburg Motor Company

Board Members Present: Colley, Ford, Lowe, Raridon, Claus, Garrison, Langrehr, Mattingly, Roper, Shubert

Board Members Absent: Randolph, Skutt

Guests Present: Lisa Malachowski

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Bill Claus.

Agenda Item #1: Approval of September Agenda. Agenda was approved as presented.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of August Minutes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item #3: Day and Time of Next Board Meeting. Thursday, October 21, 2010

Agenda Item #4: Discussion of ICLEI/VML Green Community Challenge. Garrison informed the board that Blacksburg has been chosen as a pilot community for the ICLEI/VML Green Community Challenge. Blacksburg will choose 4 – 6 initiatives on which to work. ICLEI will provide technical support, and the long term outcome of the effort may be a community sustainability plan. The first step is to determine if anyone is working on each of the activities. SB could help with this analysis.

Agenda Item #5: Bills From Sustainability Week. Claus requested feedback from the board regarding which Sustainability Week bills should be paid by Sustainable Blacksburg. The Town of Blacksburg and Virginia Tech pay for ongoing efforts such as utility bill inserts, bus clings, posters, the cost to update the banners etc. Roper mentioned that SB paid for food for the Sustainability Fair last year. Roper and Claus will review the bills from last year and pay for similar items up to \$1,000.

Agenda Item #6: Need for SB Fundraising. Claus led the board in a discussion of fundraising options. The discussion centered around possible membership fees and what members would receive in return for membership. Further discussion will occur after Sustainability Week 2010.

Agenda Item #7: Climate Action Plan Process. Garrison gave a brief overview of the climate action planning process to-date. The Mayor signed the national Climate Protection Agreement in late 2006 and created the Mayor's Taskforce on Climate Protection and Sustainability in early 2007. The Taskforce in partnership with the Urban Affairs and Planning Department (UAP) at Virginia Tech and Dr. John Randolph completed a community greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast in 2008. Town Council adopted an emissions reduction forecast of an 80% reduction in CO2 emissions below 1990 levels by the year 2050. The Taskforce in conjunction with UAP is developing a community Climate Action Plan. There will be an additional public input process this fall with the first meeting being held on Tuesday, September 21st at 7 pm in the Blacksburg Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to get feedback on initiatives that should be included in the plan.

Agenda Item #8: Reinstating SB with the SCC. Claus reported on the efforts to reinstate SB's standing with the State Corporation Commission. Claus and Roper met with representatives from LeClairRyan regarding the issue. Roper will fill out the final form and send the check to the SCC.

Agenda Item #9: Updating the SB Website. Roper provided a tour of the improved Sustainable Blacksburg website.

Agenda Item #10: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm