

MONMOUTH COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

MONMOUTH COUNTY GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MONMOUTH COUNTY GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Monmouth County Planning Board Conference Room
Hall of Records Annex, Freehold, New Jersey

The meeting of the Monmouth County Greenhouse Gas Reduction Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Carol Baker, Linda Brennen, Robert Clark, Michael Fedosh, Robert Gerard, Bonnie Goldschlag, Dr. Judith Kramer, Bob Kudrick, Gerri Popkin, Jack Purvis & Rocco Racano (for Robert Lahey)

Also Present:

Natasha Matrunich, MCPB Intern

Staff Present:

Ann Waters, Nora Shepard, Russel Like & Debbie Luby

1. Welcome

Ms. Waters welcomed the committee members

2. Review of Minutes

May 5, 2009 – The minutes of the May 5, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Kramer moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Goldschlag seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved. Mr. Fedosh, Mr. Gerard, Mr. Kudrick & Ms. Popkin, who were not in attendance on May 5th, abstained from voting.

September 1, 2009 – The minutes of the September 1, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Popkin moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved. Ms. Baker, Ms. Brennen, Mr. Fedosh, Mr. Gerard, Dr. Kramer & Mr. Purvis, who were not in attendance on September 1st, abstained from voting.

3. Correspondence

Ms. Waters read a letter from Freeholder Director Burry noting her resignation from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Advisory Committee.

4. Status Report

County Facilities Energy Audit

Ms. Brennen updated the committee on the energy audit – The kick off meeting was on December 15, the site visits occurred January 11 – 22; CDM (Camp Dresser and McKee) is currently analyzing the data and we expect their report on the energy audits on the 12 county buildings sometime in March. The 12 buildings include The Hall of Records Annex, Veterans Memorial (Sheriff’s Department), the Courthouse, Geraldine L. Thompson Care Center and chapel, John L. Montgomery Care Center, Human Services, Special Services, Police Academy, Western Branch Library and Public Works Buildings A & C. CDM will also evaluate parking lot lighting on the county-owned properties which was included in their proposal to the county. Ms. Brennen added that we will pursue possible Direct Install funding for the smaller sized buildings which could refund 80% of the cost of improvements that we choose to do and the audits are already free.

Monmouth County Transportation Audit/Sustainable Transportation Plan -

Ms. Shepard updated the committee on the sustainable transportation plan which is a sub-regional study funded through the NJTPA. It is a 2 year study, 2010-2011; the RFP has been completed, it was sent out to bid and 2 entities have been interviewed. The next step is to award the work by resolution at the next Freeholders’ meeting. The existing transportation- related county facilities will be studied, including county vehicles and employee commutes. We will also be studying county-wide emissions; NJTPA is doing a greenhouse gas inventory and forecast by sub-regions and we will have their information to work with. The goal is to try to weave this information into the outline of the plan being formulated by this committee.

5. New Business

Monmouth County Greenhouse Gas Inventory – Natasha Matrunich, MCPB Intern

Ms. Brennen introduced Natasha Matrunich, who presented the inventory results to date regarding the parks system and buildings & grounds. A breakdown of Monmouth County Park System Energy Use for 2008 was distributed to the committee members.

6. Plan Review Subcommittee Report

Monmouth County Energy Action Plan draft Outline

Ms. Waters distributed a draft outline of the Monmouth County “Energy Action Plan” which will be tweaked and changed as this committee moves forward. She encouraged committee members to offer their feedback/comments.

7. Subcommittee Reports

Energy Initiatives:

Mr. Kudrick spoke about the Direct Install program that kicked off in September promoting higher efficiency upgrades for commercial and industrial customers. Mr. Kudrick also noted approximately 50 Direct Install projects have been funded by the state with the hopes of doubling that amount. He also informed the committee that funding is still available. The entire program’s objective is to conserve energy.

New Technologies:

Mr. Purvis informed the committee of an interesting webpage, www.ecoearthdesign.com, which includes landscaping, rain gardens, roof gardens, etc. He spoke about a new product, LED lights, which are replacing compact fluorescent lights. The AIA (American Institute of Architects) with The Committee on the Environment for the State is having a 3 day program in Atlantic City (Sept. 15-17) which will include 25 speakers, 65 “green” vendors and a mini conference with “green” being the main incentive.

Transportation:

Ms. Baker encouraged the use of public transportation, fewer cars on the road and more car pooling which would greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. She also recommended looking into shuttle bus service from the mall to Brookdale College.

Legislation:

Ms. Waters reported on the movement of several bills that are pertinent to this committee.

8. Announcements

Ms. Waters announced that the March meeting is scheduled for the 2nd.

9. Public Comment - None

10. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Ms. Goldschlag. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.