

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 11, 2011

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 2:05 PM.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Sashe Annete, Mike Aravich, Linda Brennen, Robert Clark, Former Freeholder John D'Amico, Michael Fedosh, Robert Gerard, Bonnie Goldschlag, Ming Kao, Dr. Judith Kramer, Gerard Scharfenberger, John Tobia

Also Present:

Darlene DiLeo, Confidential Aide for Freeholder Arnone, Keith Rella, Confidential Aide for Freeholder Mallet

Staff Present:

Ann Waters

1. Welcome

Ms. Waters welcomed the committee members followed by brief introductions.

2. Review of Minutes

November 30, 2010 – The minutes of the November 30, 2010 meeting were reviewed.

Ms. Brennen moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved. Mr. Fedosh abstained from voting.

3. Subcommittee Reports

Legislation:

Ms. Waters distributed an update of the movement on several bills that are pertinent to this committee, noting the recent passage of four bills by both Houses of the Legislature. Mr. Gerard noted the "White Tag" bill also recently passed by both Houses. Mr. Gerard stated that "White Tags" in New Jersey will be similar to the SREC program for solar PV. It was his recommendation that the Committee follow the status of this bill to determine potential impact to the County. Mr. Gerard will forward the bill number to Ms. Waters.

4. Project Updates

GHG Inventory

Ms. Waters stated that she had to reformat the data compiled by our intern in the ICLEI toolbox spreadsheets, in order to import it into the ICLEI software due to changes made in the software. Once the data is transferred into the CACP software the results will be incorporated into the CAPP software, subsequently providing us with recommendations for our plan of action with regard to retrofits and other options. Ms. Brennen noted that once the recommendations are generated from the CAPP software, a meeting with the Parks System staff will be requested to review those recommendations to determine their feasibility. A similar meeting will be requested with the Buildings and Grounds staff to review the county facilities recommendations once completed. The recommendations will be the basis for the last two chapters of the Energy Action Plan.

Monmouth County Transportation Audit/Sustainable Transportation Plan -

In Ms. Shepard's absence, Ms. Goldschlag updated the committee on the status of the transportation study, noting that Task 3 which involved a survey of commuting methods by all county employees has been completed. The results of the survey were analyzed by the consultants who identified all potential commute reduction strategies. The technical advisory committee reviewed the strategies and selected those that would potentially be feasible for the county. The next step will be for Administration to review the recommendations.

Ms. Goldschlag also stated that a review of the county fleet was also completed by the consultants as the second phase of Task 3. She also stated that their analysis indicated a considerable number of energy reduction methods were currently in place. The results of the transportation study will be appended to the Energy Action Plan.

5. New Business

Monmouth County Energy Action Plan Draft

Ms. Brennen led the discussion on the draft sections of the Plan including the Introduction and Chapters I and II. She noted comments previously received by John Tobia regarding the county operations demand and transportation policy areas. Committee members reviewed and provided suggestions on revisions to language and additional content to be included in the draft goals and objectives and background information chapters of the Plan.

Dr. Kramer suggested including examples of energy related and sustainable land use policies as recommendations for municipalities to follow as they develop their policies. Former Freeholder D'Amico suggested including Smart Growth examples to help guide policy decisions. He also recommended a strategy related to open space.

Mr. Scharfenberger will contact Roberta Sheridan from JCP&L to request her assistance with the committee regarding electrical transmission and distribution data. Ms. Brennen will gather information on electric vehicle charging stations to be included in the Energy Action Plan. Mr. Scharfenberger offered to provide information on State policy initiatives regarding land use, redevelopment and smart growth identified in the State Plan.

6. Announcements/Next Steps

Ms. Brennen stated that Chapter III of the Plan, to be available for the next meeting of the committee, will provide background information on the county and an overview of the county's

energy initiatives. Following meetings with county staff on the recommendations generated from the GHG inventory, those recommendations will become the basis of the fourth chapter that will address strategies and actions. She encouraged committee members to email her with any additional feedback/comments within the week. The committee will plan to meet on March 1, 2011.

7. **Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Waters and moved by Dr. Kramer. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.