

Dobbs Ferry Energy Task Force Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2013

Attending: Nina Orville, Jeff O'Donnell, Sarah Koenigsberg, Dylan Clay-Devlin, Paddy Steinschneider, Cathy Bobenhausen

The minutes from June were approved.

Climate Smart Communities Update

Interns - Nina has 2 interns, met with them w Liz Dreaper. One is a Fordham student (Hastings resident) and the other a Columbia graduate - they will work on the Village application for certification, and Liz will co-manage the process with Nina.

Representation of Schools

Dylan Clay Devlin attended, and was welcomed to the Task Force as a student member. Her email is dylan.claydevlin@gmail.com. Sadie Biale is also interested in joining as a student member. Goal for these members is to enjoy the experience and add initiatives as the interest arises. Jeff will serve as liaison with the schools.

Transportation Update

Safe Routes to School grant for safety of Broadway corridor - awarded \$118K but was reduced to \$63K without 'infrastructure.' Paddy thought that the Village approved the \$63K grant. Phil Greeley, the John Collins engineer that would work on the project, can help implement the feasibility strategy.

Waste

Jeff raised the issue of recycling computers, monitors, TVs which are being disposed. Nina questioned what actually happens to electronics which are left out in the Village - Nina mentioned that Steve Tilly asked Marcus if the electronics are recycled domestically or shipped overseas? It is important to find out what the Village contractor is doing as part of the electronics recycling - Jeff offered to find out from Marcus how these are handled. Masters School sends reused computers to Kenya via a teacher Judah. Within the Village school system, computers get reused by other students. Electronics recycling event in Hastings was successful - Jeff will check. We might be able to combine the Westchester shredder event with a recycling of electronics.

Liz Dreaper is interested in moving to electronic distribution of materials to Boards for their review. The Rivertowns Building Departments are working on this.

Budget Committee had proposed reducing the frequency of recycling pickup - this was dropped but still pending is the proposal for once a week pickup of trash.

Rivertowns Square

Dobbs Ferry approved the project; Ardsley filed Article 78. Nina will send Paddy contact information for Melissa Lopez, NYSERDA consultant, for renewable incentives.

Community Engagement

Energy Efficiency Event for Residents - Possibly February.

Ferry Festa - International Downtown Association will be having annual conference in NYC, Paddy has invited participants to Ferry Festa the weekend before (Ferry Festa this year is October 5th).

Eagle Award event needs to be scheduled. Could be in October or around Earth Day.

Jeff proposed booth at Pumpkin Fair. Task Force could participate with materials appropriate for elementary school kids.

New Candidates for Task Force

Susan Clellan, Celia Catangia may be interested - Nina will ask Mayor to publicize two open positions on Task Force.

Other Business

SWEAC and NWEAC are planning to combine forces. Implementation funding for Cleaner Greener has been released - funding is available for improving comprehensive plans for sustainability - nothing for Dobbs Ferry as this has already been done.

Nina has been working on grant application to make zoning solar friendly and revising tax - at County level.

School - photovoltaic arrays - grant opportunity thru solar installer, very small demonstration system is available but not useful for the schools. Larger scale opportunity - schools could petition for access to NYSERDA funding by contributing to systems benefit charge so that they would be eligible. Petition is being submitted shortly - school district has not signed on. Jeff said it could be signed at July 9th meeting. Nina and Paddy will work on moving the petition forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Bobenhausen