

Sustainability Council Meeting  
Minutes

March 16, 2012  
2:00 PM

Members Present: Noted at 14

The minutes from the February 17, 2012 meeting were acknowledged as accurate.

Daniel Lawse reviewed the program his firm, Verdis, has developed and is marketing in the metro area. The program is designed to change the culture about energy conservation by changing the habits of participating individuals. The program is on software. By making a pledge to save energy, the individual accepts the challenge of making a habit of committing an energy saving action such as shutting off lights when leaving a room. It was noted that the change of habit will work on campus but would certainly be something that would work at home.

Lennis Pederson said that the new store front on the east side of Pittman is installed. The area will eventually hold photovoltaic panels that generate electricity to light the energy technology area in the building.

He further reported that the portion of the project to install solar panels to provide domestic hot water to Hixson-Lied was bid out and is ready to install. The project was formerly designed for the roof of the old car wash but will now have panels on Rigge to serve Hixson-Lied.

Each member of the Council was encouraged to recognize events around World Water Day on March 22, 2012.

Jessica Heller could not be at the meeting to update on the status of the Ignatian Garden. As noted in the agenda, the garden program is moving ahead very well for this year. The use of a lottery to get people a garden plot will be implemented soon.

It should be noted that Gifford park neighborhood Association (GPNA) is moving ahead again with the Teen Garden on Cottage Avenue. The plot of land is loaned to GPNA by Creighton. Members are asked to stop by the garden through the summer to learn with and encourage the GPNA teens.

Members are encouraged to attend the April 18, 2012 Earth day activities. As noted in the agenda, there will be a wide variety of events and activities to attend on April 17, 18, and 19.

Mary Duda and Pete Maas had several recycling updates:

- 1) RecycleMania! continues for two weeks. Information about paper being shared is incorporated into the calculation of total weight.

- 2) A spring break service group examined four bags of trash from the McGloin dumpster. The students learned that when sorted, there was enough recycle commodity to fill a 96 gallon recycle container. The commodity did not need to go to the landfill.
- 3) Mary will talk with Ryan Lahne regarding the possible plastic bottle recycle program offered by Pepsi. There are a number of questions.

Frank Reida indicated that the EPA program known as CSPAR has been delayed until 2014. This is favorable to OPPD because it delays capital expenses associated with cleaning up the pollutants from the smoke stacks at power plants.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

The next meeting is April 20, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the Union Pacific Room.