

## Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2009

Members and Guests: Noted at 9

Meeting Minutes: The minutes from April 17, 2009 meeting were acknowledged

Arbor Day Recap - Jessica Heller recapped the April 24, 2009 event as being successful. About 300 people voted for the tree of the year. The event is part of many activities for the recognition of Tree Campus USA.

Caroline Moore talked about the sustainability efforts in her division in Wareham. The team is interested in saving operational funds by shifting away from paper dinnerware. Included in the program is more awareness of single stream recycling. She is also launching a program to utilize washable dishware.

Earth Day was recapped by Lennis Pederson as being a positive event. The people attending were very interested in the vehicles powered by alternate fuel. Attendance overall was good but attendance at the educational events was not so good.

Caroline Moore talked about biking to work - there is a challenge across town to all bikers to partake in the summer long bike to work program. Bike routes/lanes will be soon painted on 20 miles of streets this summer. The Kiewit Fitness Center will allow people that ride to work to use the showers and towel service at no cost.

Mary Duda told the group that the Habitat ReStore was conducted on campus on April 17, 2009, was successful through the eyes of Habitat ReStore. Many people brought items from home to be discarded. The commodity given to Habitat ReStore was all estimated to net \$500 to the agency after the products were sold.

Joe Zaborowski reported he was developing the program for recycling used books. The books will be secured for a donation. He is getting help from Follett.

The solar collector project with OPPD is progressing through the planning process. Some of the key points are:

- The Physics Department is installing test collectors on the roof of the Wareham Bldg to gather data about the technology; the best angle for installation of fixed panels; and the efficiency of the panels based on solar power.
- The Department of Atmospheric Science has been approached to become a partner in the educational opportunities of the project.
- Four sites are being studied for locating the roughly 8,000 sq ft panel fixed panel.
  1. The roof of the Harper Center
  2. The roof of the Law School
  3. Over the deck of the 20<sup>th</sup> Street Parking garage
  4. The roof of the Kiewit Fitness Center.

The study includes structural capacity of the structure, glare potential, access to the OPPD electrical grid

- Sites being considered for a tracker panel are based on ground available. These need to be on the ground because of the weight of the support structure.
  1. The Creighton owned lot at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Chicago
  2. Southwest of the Lied Education Center.
  3. On the hillside west of the health Policy and Ethics Bldg.
  4. South of Kellom Field
- The grant application for the money allocated by Congress is being completed.
- OPPD is anxious to get something installed in late 2009.

Single stream recycling was discussed. The conversation included

- The grant from NDEQ for compactor modification has been approved.
- There may need to be more thought about installing waste baskets at the desk side even though single stream recycling , in place in some locations for almost a year is working well without the desk side waste basket.
- It was considered expanding the training program to include having people sign a pledge. Draft pledge language was a simple “I will try to recycle”. The idea needs to be expanded.

Lennis Pederson was asked to solicit a broader membership. Several people that are not now part of the Sustainability Council were mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10.

The next meeting is June 19 at 2:00PM in the Union Pacific Room.