

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

August 20, 2010

Members: Noted at 13 present

The minutes from the July 16, 2010 meeting were accepted.

Lennis Pederson reported that the Zip Car program is functional. The roll-out will be early next week.

Ken Juhl told the group that the sub-committee on car pooling.????? The first committee meeting was organizational with more in depth work to follow in the week ahead.

Jim Dorsey updated the Council about a campus committee focusing on bike ridership. His remarks include comments about the bike paths around Omaha and Creighton. There is an identified need for more bike racks on campus. The Committee is working with the Community Bike Shop regarding volunteer bike programs, bike repair and bike safety.

The bike program may be funded by funds allocated from a city grant to combat obesity. The funds could support a bike library of loaner bikes. The bike committee is also considering places on campus to store and park bikes.

Lennis Pederson encouraged the members of the Council to attend the meeting to kick off the Green Gas analysis at 1:00 pm on August 24th.

Cheri Annin told the Council that she and Teresa Hawley are working on the swap of clothing and possibly other items. The Campus community will be surveyed about the possible dates and times for the event. Those items brought to the exchange not taken by others will be taken to a charity.

Pete Maas updated the Council on the program for having outdoor single stream recycling. The 15 containers gifted to the University are to be painted and distributed on campus.

Pete also spoke about expanding the single stream recycling program to athletic events and expanding the program into Creighton Hall.

Jessica Heller told the Council that a rain barrel has been located by the Community Garden. There is a need to do more planning for the next season.

Frank Reida's report about pending legislation. His report included comments about a State Department Deputy concerned about countries making commitments at the Copenhagen Conference and walking away from the commitments made. He said that China is closing 2087 factories that are the larger huge producers of carbon and in efficient.

Lennis Pederson gave a brief update on the alternative energy project. The solar portion will be fully functional by August 27, 2010. The delivery date for the wind turbines remains elusive. As a post script note to the minutes, it has been learned that the wind turbines will not ship until sometime in October.

The members of the Council are encouraged to take part in the mid-September event around the water crisis in the world. The conversations and displays will have a more specific review of water use in Nebraska. The activity includes several lectures along with a sculpture presentation in the Lied Education Center, Art Galley.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2010 at 2:00 pm in the Union Pacific Room in the Alumni Library.