

Sustainability Council Meeting  
Minutes

October 15, 2010

Members Present: Noted at 14

The minutes from the September 17, 2010 meeting were acknowledged.

Lennis Pederson told the Council that the Brendle Group is still gathering information about the Creighton operation as needed for their green gas analysis and analyzing the carbon foot print. There will be a survey sent soon to all campus constituents to learn more about commuting. Most of the information regarding campus and off-campus space has been collected.

The solar portion of the alternative energy project is complete and generating electricity for consumption on campus. The delivery date for the wind turbines has slipped again and is now speculated to be in December but that date is not firm. An update on the status of the web site is not available.

The Zip Car program on campus is still meeting expectations of Zip Car. The user rate is above the average user rate during start up. The users are taking advantage of the reservation program and reservations have been noted into December.

Peter Maas told the Council that the outdoor single stream recycle program is about to be launched. The used containers are being painted black. It is planned to have three containers located on the California Mall by the end of October. The initial phase of containers will number 15. He is also working on a program to spread awareness of the single stream recycling program with displays on campus, especially in Skutt.

Lennis Pederson recapped an earlier conversation with Bob Denney regarding sustainability in intramurals. Bob is considering adding ceiling fans in the KFC gym. He is also learning more about replacing light fixtures in selected areas in the KFC and adding occupancy sensors to cut back on electrical consumption. Bob is also considering adding electrical generators to future cardio equipment like other schools are doing. Lastly, Bob mentioned having an intramural activity that involves community gardens as has been developed at Indiana State.

Jay Leighter updated the Council on Conversations Conference scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Harper Center. He explained how the conference will function and will ideally enhance awareness of sustainability in Nebraska.

Joe Zaborowski talked about the new printer program coming to campus. The presentation included a U-Tube video prepared by Cleveland State University's success with Xerox and the management of the printer and copier fleet.

Evie Madvig spoke about her sub-committees efforts on car pooling. She is taking advantage of the forth coming survey by the Brendle Group. Evie, in collaboration with Metro Ride Share expects to have a car pooling program for Creighton sometime in January.

Any Waltke spoke to the group about the future of Community Garden. The plan is to have the garden be a training experience for the campus constituents. He explained how the garden might be located west of Rigge 120. The goal is to have the garden prepared this fall and plant in the spring. Jay Leighter encouraged making

part of the garden a cash crop to help support the rest of the garden. The site on 18<sup>th</sup> Street for a community garden should also continue for folks that do not have a garden plot otherwise available.

All soda vending machines on campus will have an electrical energy saving device known as Vend-Mizer installed by December 2011. Ed DuPree said the new contract with Pepsi requires the devices be installed.

Ken Reed-Bouley is working on a brown bag lunch program to increase awareness of sustainability across campus. It is anticipated that there will be two or three sessions each semester. Ken explained that he has contacted several individuals including Any Waltke to make presentations. It is anticipated that the events will be held in CCSJ in the Harper Center unless the specific event includes a tour.

George Tangeman introduced a preliminary energy conservation contest that involved a pledge-like initiative that would be a commitment. Jay suggested involving the Green Jays and the marketing team with in Green Jays.

Peter Maas asked for volunteers to be part of a recycle operations advisory committee. Peter is hoping to a committee started to maximize the program use and efficiency. Anticipate his e-mail request for help within the next several weeks.

Cheri Annin updated the Council on her efforts to implement a swap and share event for mostly clothing. Her goal is to survey the campus to learn if there is a desire to participate. The results of the survey are anticipated by late October.

Frank Reida gave his monthly review of legislative and regulatory updates. Six points ere covered:

- The EPA's strategic plan for FY 2011 - 2015 identifies climate change and air quality as the top priority
- A working group of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee has issued a report with recommendations on how the best available control technology should apply to greenhouse gas emissions
- The Federal Trade commission has proposed several restrictions on advertizing claims for carbon offset credits in order to prevent deception of consumers
- A recent article in the New Yorker faults the White House with the Cap-and-Trade downfall. The article primarily attributes the collapse of the legislative effort to President Obama's unwillingness to engage as well as White House leaks and announcements that undermine the Senate negotiations at critical moments.
- Senators introduced energy bills before leaving for home to campaign.
  - a) S.15 would provide an investment tax credit for investment in international land-use-based carbon sequestration projects including forest preservation
  - b) S.3923 would amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act to clarify State authority to enact feed-in tariffs to support low-carbon energy generation
  - c) S3876 would extend and increase tax incentives supporting the deployment of fueling infrastructure for "clean burning fuel" and expand incentive for the deployment of recharging infrastructure for electric cars
  - d) Representative John Boehner promised that if the Republicans take control of the House of Representatives, there will be no cap-and-trade

The meeting ended at 3:00 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2010 at 2:00 P.M.