

Sustainable Loudoun
Monthly meeting
Thurs May 1, 2008
Recorded by: Gina Faber

Attending: Tony Noerpel, Stevens Miller, Nancy Reaves, Gina Faber, Steve Holmes, Jim and Beatriz Crowley, Julie and J. P. Metz, Khalial Withen, Eric White, Steven Bruckner, Ross, Shearer, Mike Feldman, Brooks Cressman, Norbert Pink, John Koontz, Valerie Suzdak, Otto Gutenson, Linda Freimark.

By Laws

Meetings will be set over this summer to discuss construction of by-laws for Sustainable Loudoun. The first of such meetings was set for Thurs June 12 in Lovettsville (see "next meeting")

Loudoun County upcoming meetings

Mon May 5 - LC BOS Public Input meeting - request support for "Climate Communities" initiative being proposed by Sup McGimsey. Khalial Withen briefly described this initiative and relayed Sup McGimsey's urgent request for vocal support for it at Monday's public comment.

Wed May 7 - LC Energy Efficiency Committee (E2C) Listening Session - request that we sign up to provide concrete ideas and strategies for what the E2C can be doing to increase Energy Efficiency in Loudoun

Lucketts Fair Green Pavilion

Julie Metz wants to invite Sustainable Loudoun to again participate in the Lucketts Fair Green Pavilion tent this coming August 23/24. Tony committed to coordinating our effort to be there and encouraged everyone to take a time slot to participate. Mike Maher was volunteered to coordinate the business constituents of the tent. 94.7 The Globe will be helping to promote.

Gina Faber volunteered to coordinate Sustainable Loudoun's participation in the Bluemont Fair, Sept 13/14. We are hoping to draw upon the same resources for both events.

Sierra Club

Several members associated with Sierra Club, VA and Great Falls chapter described their organization, the advantages of membership, and the prospect of LCCSS somehow becoming aligned with Sierra Club to our mutual benefit.

Among the advantages Sierra Club could offer LCCSS:

- dedicated column in SC news letter (bi-monthly)
- seat on Executive Committee
- representation for Sustainable Loudoun at State Level
- provide money, logistical support for approved events

Among discussed issues:

- negative name-recognition; need to keep our own “brand”
 - local, grass-roots activism is our bailiwick; why pursue broader goals?
 - comparison of affiliation with Sierra Club & current affiliation with CCAN
- Sierra Club members agreed to investigate ways of integrating our 2 groups; A committee was formed (Eric W, Tony N, Otto G, Norbert P and Steve B) with an agreement that Eric would convene a smaller group discussion of the possibilities in the near future.

May 8 Clean Energy Rally

Kayti Wingfield of Sierra Club was identified as the person we should contact for the purposes of following up on mass transport from NoVA to the Richmond rally on Thurs May 8.

Franklin Park Solar Array

Jim Crowley, representing the Potomac Regional Solar Energy Association (PRSEA) asked if our members would assist him in tracking down what needs to be done to restore the Franklin Park solar array. John Koontz provided some technical details and some additional contact information. Alden Hathaway’s youtube video was mentioned.

Sustainable Loudoun Website & Mailing List

Tony will have Loudoun Wireless POC contact Gina Faber for transitioning the web site. Suggestion was made that Tim Wyant (previous host) may wish us to move our mailing list from his server as well. Gina Faber agreed to follow up and report at next meeting.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting’s agenda will focus on organizational issues. It is set for Thurs June 12 at 7pm at “Greater Goods” store in Lovettsville, hosted by store owner Ayala Sherbow.
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