

**BLUER Committee Meeting**  
**March 2, 2007**  
**Minutes**

The meeting began at 1 pm with all members in attendance: Dianne Herrin, Martin Indars, Tim Lutz, Courtney Marm, David Ward.

We welcomed visitors:  
    Jackson Denton  
    John Turgeon

Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Follow-Up on Action Items:

- The committee approved the changes to the Mission/Goals drafted by Dianne.
- Martin reported that Judy Benes has already posted the committee's meeting dates on the Borough's page. Links from the top page to a BLUER page, including our goal, mission, volunteer request, can be done in about a week. Judy Benes talked with the committee about web pages. **Action Item:** Martin will explore how to do links from our page to outside sites for education purposes.
- We approved and signed a letter drafted by Martin to introduce ourselves to the community. **Action Item:** Martin will manage its distribution.
- Data Collection Update/Identification of Remaining Needs
  - Tim reported that all University data has been collected except for the waste stream
  - Tim and Dianne reported that collection of the Borough's data on gasoline consumption by fleet vehicles and electric and gas bills from PECO has begun. **Action Item:** Tim and Dianne to complete Borough data collection.
  - David will get data similar to the Borough's for County operations in the Borough. He also delivered average daily traffic counts for the Borough done in different years but estimated to 2007. He will have this data converted to VMT (vehicle miles traveled) and LOS (Level of service). **Action Item:** David to continue to determine how County data can be collected.
  - Dianne and Tim reported that there are inconsistencies with the first residential use data provided by Exelon: the data was not limited to the Borough. Courtney will investigate the amount of power provided from wind. **Action Item:** Tim, Dianne, Courtney will follow-up to determine how we can obtain Exelon data confined to the Borough limits.
  - Dianne reported that she had contacted an energy co-operative which can provide information on fuel oil used for home heating. **Action Item:** Dianne to follow-through with this request.
  - The committee agreed on the need for procedures to maintain a single, consistent database: data on personal or other computers should be transferred to the Borough's computer. **Action Items:** Tim will contact Kim Lundgren to find out how to download the CACP software; Dianne will contact Ernie to get permission to store data on a Borough computer.

- Courtney provided an update on SmartPower and reported on attending the Borough Planning Meeting.
- **Action Items:** David will draft a response to Carolyn Committa regarding BLUER's support for LEED; Martin will memo Carolyn re. funding announced by Governor Rendell.

#### Business Community Outreach:

- Dianne reported that Kim Lundgren (ICLEI) suggested Burlington, VT, and Cambridge, MA, could be models for community outreach. **Action Item:** Committee members should read these materials. Dianne will forward them.

#### Public Education Plan:

- John Turgeon told the committee about an event planned in the Borough for April 14 to raise awareness about climate change. A tree tour to highlight the value of the Borough's trees will be held. The committee agreed that a BLUER representative should be present. Tim volunteered to provide a 'tree carbon calculator' to help people understand the importance of trees in storing carbon.
- The group agreed that we will form a subcommittee to begin outlining concepts for a business & public outreach plan. **Action Item:** Dianne and David will meet to begin work on this and will report back to the full committee.

#### Other Business:

- Dianne and Courtney reported on letters written to the Daily Local News and other newspapers. The committee agreed that we should not respond to letters but continue to monitor them.
- Dianne reported that Kim Lundgren (ICLEI) will be in our area in April and that we will plan to have her meet with us then.
- Diane reported that Ken Knickerbocker would like to attend the next meeting and that Bill Scott has expressed interest. Both are running for County Commissioner.
- **Action Item:** Martin and Courtney will write a BLUER statement on sustainable development (green building) in the Borough as a way to show our support for this prior to making concrete recommendations.

The meeting ended about 3:10 pm.