

**BLUER Committee Meeting**  
**May 4, 2007**  
**Minutes**

The meeting began at 1 pm with Dianne Herrin, Martin Indars, Tim Lutz, and Courtney Marm attending; David Ward was not able to attend.

We welcomed a visitor:

John Butler, Marple Twp., Delaware Co., commissioner

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Follow-Up on Action Items:

- Weblinks/FAQs: Courtney did send them and will Courtney resend. **Action:** All committee members should give comments to Courtney regarding the FAQ sheet and weblinks within a week (May 9).
- Contact list (Courtney/Martin): The email address has been converted to a common format (Word). Martin hand-delivered welcome letters to about ~40% of community groups w/o email. **Action:** Courtney & Martin will determine how to best approach and communicate with relevant groups.
- Use of Borough computer: Dianne determined that we can use Ernie McNeely's computer to install the ICLEI software and store data. **Action:** Dianne and Tim will meet with Ernie.
- Info to Carolyn (Martin): Martin has given the promised information to Carolyn.

Green Architecture Update/Action Plan:

The Borough's height ordinance is projected to proceed w/o conditional use provisions, which will be added as a second step. **Action:** Courtney & Martin will have a draft proposal that includes several options for the Borough by our June meeting.

Reports from the Field:

- Dianne and Tim reported on participation in the Step It Up tree walk and rally on the church steps.
- Courtney summarized aspects of the American Planning Assn. Conference; David circulated links to relevant presentations by e-mail.
- Dianne reported on the meeting of the Chester County Regional Planning Commission that she and Scott Smith attended: there was no quorum. **Action:** Dianne will call Malcolm to determine if BID has any traffic info to share.

Data Collection:

- Dianne and Tim reported that there are still problems with the PECO residential data. It was decided to work out a strategy to use the existing data. Dianne reported that data on PECO wind customers will be available soon. **Action:** Dianne will follow up on other providers of green energy to determine portion of non-PECO electricity customers and their energy use within the Borough.
- Dianne reported that waste and recycling data for the Borough has been received; this includes data on construction and demolition debris. **Action:** Dianne will investigate whether data on actual quantities of treated sewage is available.

- David has obtained data on County electricity use in the Borough.
- Tim is following up on the University's waste stream. **Action:** Tim will obtain the data by next meeting.
- Tim reported that his ESS 102 class has surveyed vehicle types in the Borough and at the University. **Action:** David and Tim will determine whether this information can be combined with existing traffic data which does not include vehicle type.
- **Action:** Dianne will draft a letter to faith communities for the June meeting

Other:

- Tim asked the committee to write a letter encouraging WCU President Adler to sign the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. **Action:** Tim will draft a letter for the committee to consider at our next meeting.
- Dianne reported on the meeting and activities of the Chester County Citizens for Climate Protection (4CP). BLUER agreed to sign on to the 4CP resolution asking all Commissioner candidates to sign on a greenhouse gas initiative within their first 30 days of office.
- Dianne reported that information on a rewards program is in progress and a draft will be ready for the June meeting.

**NEXT BLUER COMMITTEE MEETING: June 1, 1-3 PM**