

BLUER Committee Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2007

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

We welcomed visitors: Tom Andrews, John Butler, Jackson Denton, Drew McDowell, Scott Tornek

Minutes of May meeting were approved.

Tom Andrews, a professor of economics at West Chester University, sought ideas for involving students in an Honors course in spring 2008 with BLUER's activities. We discussed several possibilities, including an analysis of a model energy-efficient home and analyzing action items to optimize the economic basis for action. Tom plans to send a course proposal to the Honors dean and to us.

Dianne presented a draft plan for the BLUER Business Awards. We discussed how a plan could be implemented, possibly with the help of BID or with other funding. Martin suggested that we make the award application process an opportunity to gather information and to be a clearinghouse for the businesses. The group agreed to proceed in two phases. Phase I will be to collect relevant actions businesses can take in West Chester and conduct a survey of businesses to gauge their current level of action. Phase II will be to implement the program. **Action:** Dianne will draft a letter explaining our ideas and inviting participation.

Dianne, Martin and Courtney presented their research on three green building rating systems: 1) the IECC code; the Energy Star program; and LEED. After discussion we concluded that all three plans would be presented at the PZBID meeting on 6/19 and that the Energy Star system would be recommended. **Action:** Dianne, Martin, and Courtney will develop a matrix to compare the programs and will make a presentation at the PZBID meeting.

Data Collection & Analysis Update:

- Tim reported that information on the Borough's sewage treatment was complete but that it was not possible to use the Borough's sewage billing to extract information on water supplied by Aqua, PA. **Action:** Tim will contact Aqua to obtain the data
- Tim noted that we do not have estimates for vehicle-generated GHG's in the Borough, which may be a large component of the inventory. **Action:** Dianne and Tim will contact David before the next meeting to get an update on his efforts.

Follow-Up on Action Items:

- Dianne reported that BLUER now has access to a Borough computer when needed.
- Dianne noted that the draft letter to the faith communities was not yet complete.
- Tim reported that he had still not obtained solid waste information from the University.
- Tim said that he had not yet written the draft letter to WCU President Adler regarding the University and College President's climate commitment.

We discussed changing the date of our next meeting because it is near the 4th of July holiday but decided to keep our regular date, 7/6.

NEXT BLUER COMMITTEE MEETING: July 6, 1-3 PM