

BLUER Committee Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2008

The meeting began at 1 pm with Dianne Herrin, Martin Indars, Tim Lutz, Courtney Marm, Jackson, and David Ward attending.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Welcome Visitors/Visitor Agenda Items:

- Wendy Wallace, DO/Community Outreach: “Hour Without Power.” Wendy proposed an outreach strategy of promoting an “Hour of Power” during which residents would voluntarily reduce energy consumption for one hour. Discussion centered around how to do this effectively. We achieved consensus on the need to arrive at a positive community action and will explore this further as we write our Climate Action Plan.

- Paul Spiegel: Paul delivered his report to Ernie, which identifies opportunities for energy savings. Most energy reduction strategies for the municipality will come from operating changes (e.g., HVAC), with just 25% or so coming from behavioral changes. [Update: Dianne has obtained a copy and will distribute it to BLUER members for review.]

- Tom Andrews/WCU Honors Course. Ten students have enrolled in this course, and they will support BLUERs efforts. A primary goal is to involve the students in a hands-on fashion in our community. We discussed possible projects for the students and agreed to send Tom a prioritized list of projects. [Update: Project list was sent to Tom and students have started their work.]

- Jim Wylie/Status & Outlook of Emerging Low Emissions Energy Technologies. Jim offered a view of the future of hydrogen fuel cell technologies for the BLUER group.

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