

TOWN OF CARRBORO

CLIMATE AND ENERGY TASK FORCE – SUMMARY



Kick-off Meeting on December 1st, 2014, 7:00 pm, Town Hall Room 100

Task Force Members		Guests	Staff
Carolyn Buckner	Kerry Bullock-Ozkan (absent)		Randy Dodd
Dana Davis (absent)	Randee Haven-O'Donnell		
Jeanette O'Connor	Rob Pinder		
Jeff Herrick	Sammy Slade (absent)		
Kathy Kaufman			

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Randy provided a short report. He is still compiling survey results and will forward them on when completed. He read a few of the comments included that seemed particularly relevant, including comments provided by Simon Vincent, current president of the local Home Builders Association, who appears to be interested in supporting the Task Force. Write up of the fall forums sponsored by the Planning, Environmental, and Transportation Boards is being pursued by the Boards and will be made available when they are finished. Engage Carrboro was mentioned as a platform for soliciting public input; Randy suggested that the Task Force consider if there are any topics that they would like to use the Engage Carrboro to seek public engagement. He also provided information about the UNC Capstone team status and potential for support/collaboration in the winter/spring semester.

Carolyn is setting up a Google Group and there was discussion as to how to make that work best and also comply with open meeting requirements. She will send around information once the group is established.

In considering the scope of the Task Force's work, these questions were articulated to consider for each of the topic areas:

What has Carrboro done and is Carrboro doing/already planning to do?

What are other town's doing?

What are the legal constraints to the Town's authority, and the best ways to encourage changes and maximize participation/buy in via outreach and education/voluntary approaches rather than new requirements?

What new resources (financial, staffing) and/or partnerships/initiatives are needed, and how can implementation best be pursued? For example, how can recommendations best distinguish between short and long term goals.

Future task force meeting dates were tentatively scheduled and assignments made for topics for Task Force members to participate in (* indicates group point person):

- 1) January 8th with a focus on ecology (e.g., forest/land/soil/water) and in collaboration with the EAB (subgroup of Carolyn, Jeff, and Jeanette* to focus on this topic; Friday, December 12th set as a subgroup meeting date)
- 2) February 2nd with a focus on energy use in buildings (subgroup of Jeff, Kathy*, and Dana [tentatively])
- 3) March 4th with a focus on renewable energy (subgroup of Jeanette, Kathy, Rob*)
- 4) April 16th with a focus on transportation and in collaboration with the TAB (subgroup of Carolyn, Dana [tentatively, willing to be point person?], and Rob to focus on this topic)

Kathy offered to ask Melissa McCullough (EPA sustainable communities staff person) if she would be willing to come to a future meeting, with a suggestion that the timing might work best in a few months after the Task Force has formulated ideas to make the best use of her time. The Task Force also was in agreement that having the subgroups and individual members coordinate with additional resource people outside of Task Force meetings could work better than trying to coordinate a lot of guests for Task Force meetings. Randy recommended the 2014 town plan and website as the most appropriate initial resources for Task Force members to become familiar with.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.