

CEUCC Meeting Notes  
April 21, 2011

Commissioners attending: Andrea Ranger, Eliza Johnston, David Lutes, Alyssa Rosen, Eric Becker, Heather Takle  
Guests: Juliette Rooney-Varga (Commissioner in Training); Rebecca Schrum – volunteer on green committee with the Somerville Chamber of Commerce

Business green festival in 2 weeks (B2Green); it's on May 5 from 4 to 6pm. – City doesn't have a specific policy to seek/encourage green businesses. A Clean Tech center has been proposed for Brickbottom area.

**STRETCH CODE –**

Application deadline is June 10<sup>th</sup> to state for Green Communities designation.

Legislative Matters moved their meeting to April 27<sup>th</sup>. Omar is talking to Tom Taylor about the agenda tonight.

BOA did not endorse the bond issuance at its last meeting related to the District Improvement Financing plan.

David/Omar had call with David Webster want to get permits in on the concurrent code (ASHRAE 90.1-2007) and preparing something for BBRS relative to issues when you build a core and shell building, what code does the fit-out fall under? They are looking for clarification.

Omar Boukili said that the City intends to deal with it at the end of May.

David spoke with Martine Dion today – SMMA built an office building in Providence between 1% additional 22% - 25% more efficient than Providence code. Has case studies that she wants to share with David.

Once you adopt the Stretch Code, you adopt all the future Stretch Codes.

Juliette asks – what can we do? David states – come up with a one page fact sheet with a follow up offer to talk to Board members about it in person.

Andrea to reach out to DCAM (Jenna Ide) and Arrow Street (Pat Cornelison).

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Mayor has not contacted Century Bank yet about backing Loan Loss Reserve fund and lending for EECBG program.

EECBG sub-committee: Heather, Alyssa, Lori, David

Andrea will get letter out to Mayor outlining our recommendations to move EECBG forward. Letter out to Mayor by this weekend. Next, we need to get a job description out for the city position; hire someone; Mayor needs to contact potential bank (Century Bank); etc.

Andrea suggests that we should form a sub-committee for dealing with this issue (David, Peter, Andrea are on Green Communities sub-committee). Note that Lori (sp?) could be on this sub-committee because she is not a commission member.

Aside: Andrea suggesting that we each should choose a sub-committee in order to move items forward more effectively.

Eric announced that he will be moving to Vermont and resigning from the CEUCC.

Climate Resolution:

Eric: hoping to find funding for a facilitator for a Climate Summit; this hasn't happened. David looked into funding, which hasn't been located.

Seed Systems (Sara Schley) looking for funding to work with cities, Oberlin, Portland, Boulder, and Somerville.

Background on Climate Resolution – get proclamation that there is a “Climate Emergency” – get Mayor to recognize and address problem and address adaptation. A climate summit would bring together all heads of city departments to address. It's not “business as usual” anymore – City needs to recognize.

Cambridge did a “Climate Congress” with 100 delegates who represented stakeholders and they generated long lists of things they could do. Congress was a forum to bring out ideas of community members. Somerville should be more focused on City “wake up” and community “wake up!”

Juliette, so desired outcomes are: a) education of community and City, b) direct concrete steps to integrate into city decision-making.

David wants to make sure that we also focus on business community and Board of Alderman; Juliette says we also need to focus on schools.

Mayor Curtatone signed U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement – commits us to 7% below 1990 CO2 emissions level.

Seed Systems and Climate Interactive – Vanessa Rule and Juliette-Rooney Varga went to workshop at MIT. CI is a modeling group. Takes UN negotiating model and allows you to put in the kind of things that are on the table at a UN type situation into a model. Gives emissions rates of what would happen if we take certain actions. Juliette – using simulation with social interaction – it's extremely powerful.

Seed Systems has worked with global corporations – use systems thinking approach to understand their environmental impact.

\$10,000 – Sara would be able to work with Somerville to do a similar thing to what she's doing in Boulder. She's working with heads of departments, leaders of business community – using systems thinking to see whole systems versus how people work in silos. She could facilitate a workshop to get us to concrete next steps. Helps people see how their interests connect.

City Energy Transition Simulator (CET) – they are interested because they don't see stuff happening at global level see stuff happening at a local level.

C-ROADS – UN tool – Juliette had amazing experiences teaching with C-ROADS to her graduate students. CET doesn't exist yet but Juliette would like to see a grant written to create it –would provide a positive experience to use it on a local level.