

**Community / Building Work Group
Sandpoint Transition Initiative
Meeting Notes – May 19, 2010**

Place – 501 Lake Street, Aaron's house

Attending: Aaron Qualls, Martha Hoxley, Erik Keller, Frank Wakelely, Betsy Murdock, Bruce Millard, and Ted and Gini Bowers

Purpose

- To reconnect the group and plan our focus and events for the remaining of the year

Discussion

- Eric informed group of his attendance at the core meetings
- Martha informed group of Energy Group projects. It was noted that their focus was creating energy, not using less. Using less should be our focus.
- STI brochure discussed. Eric noted that each working group would have one page.
- Folk school: Bruce noted that he has scheduled for 2 classes. One lecture on June 23rd 7-9pm, and Strawbale class on September 18th - 9 to 4pm.
- Discussion of events and other organizations to work with.
 - High School Building Class
 - Try to influence class with knowledge of Green Construction methods
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Difficult to influence their buildings from outside their traditional methods.
 - Best to get someone to 'ask' us for advise, or get one of us in the organization
 - House Tour
 - Last tour was success, people want more.
 - Energy Audit demo and open house
 - Continue this project, without the grant money.
 - Newspaper 'Kudos' from Group noting Green success in area
 - Small and large Green things people are doing.
 - Great way to promote Green Ideas and our Group to the area

Events Decisions

- House Tour
 - September best month
 - Tour to focus on south of town
 - People to arrange tour places for next meeting
 - Gini will help, but busy thru July.
- Energy Audit
 - July good month – Eric off to Moscow in September
 - Use as a PR event to show advantages of doing a Energy Audit and how to save energy in typical Sandpoint house.
 - Complete blower door test on one house and promote it in local media.
 - Bruce to talk to Mayor on using her house...good older house
 - If not want older typical Sandpoint house
 - Also talked about a vacant house
 - Conduct 'Open House' the next day or week to show the public how the Audit works and what the typical energy fixes can be.
 - This could be same house or different house
 - Try to get stuff from Avista - handout to attendants.
- Newspaper 'Green Kudos'
 - Idea is to Award and Make other aware of Green things that people or business or local government is doing. Can be:
 - Certified Green house
 - Green Roof

- Energy Saving devises
- Healthy renovations
- Renovation Project or Element that is different or special
- Green Roof
- Native Landscaping
- Urban Farming
- Etc, Etc More of one thing the a whole house.
- Even something small everyone can DO!
- Need to develop Criteria List in Future
- Reader best paper for this. Gini to contact John
- Need 'Release from Homeowner' form – Ted to work on
- Anyone in the Group can come up with idea, get releases and email to Gini.
- Need to Develop title ideas
 - gini@shopsandpoint.com

Next normal scheduled meeting 6pm June 7th at 2nd floor meeting room - Cedar Street Bridge

Note: Must be on time, front doors lock at 6:15!

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