

Community / Building Work Group
Sandpoint Transition Initiative
Meeting Notes – April 7, 2009

Place – at 621 Lake Street, Collin's house

Attending: Collin Beggs, Bruce Millard, Martha Hoxley, Peggy Braunstein, Erik Keller, Chris Munro, Ted & Gini Bowers, Frank Wakelely, Walter Burnham, Randy Parker, Scott Wohlschlager, and Karen Lamphear..

Mission Statement Ideas

- Discussed need to finalize Mission Statement of the Group. Bruce sent out email of Frank's first idea, and all to look and send (and bring) any other ideas so the statement can be finalized at the next meeting.
- Here is some mission statements that people came up with via email
 - To promote and encourage sustainable practices in all phases of building construction and community design." (Frank)
 - To promote and encourage sustainable practices in all phases of building construction and community design. Create awareness to preserve our local resources, while nurturing the qualities in Sandpoint that will ensure a community with resilience and sustainability for the future. (Gini)
 - To promote, educate and encourage sustainable and healthy practices in all phases of building construction and community design." (Tim) (Changes to Frank's in Red.)

New items this meeting

- Introductions from new people.
- Bruce reviewed outline of Green Event that the group is trying to hold in June.
 - Event would be an introduction to Residential Green Building for Banks, Real Estate individuals, Appraisers, and Title Companies.
 - Bruce, Peggy and Frank to meet with a representative of Panhandle State Bank to get support and direction for funding for the event.
 - Event will be a 5pm after hours events of 2 hours or so. Bruce has contacted Green Real Estate professional in Seattle to present this introduction to green building, and the success in Seattle.
 - We have support from Real Estate individuals we have spoke to so far.
 - Eric agreed to complete artwork for flyer a of Green Building Info we could hand out at event.
 - Bruce sees this event as the first part of education for this group, second part could be Green Real Estate Class in September, that he is working on.
- Martha and Bruce discussed progress made with the 100 Home Energy Audit Program they have been researching and developing for the group with the City and Avista.
 - Noted that a low-income audit / weatherization program will be done by CAP with new federal money, so we should focus on middle and higher income group.
 - Noted problems of getting money for our Audit....City not sure if they can head the program with grants...group may need to go after their own grants. Martha will continue to work with the City on this.
 - Discussion on Audits and Blower Door Test Equipment... Eric looking at buying Blower Door Equipment for his business.
 - Agreed that education on energy savings, and energy audits is very important.
 - Discussed doing 5 or so blower door tests and/or energy audits as a introduction.
 - Agreed that if grants are not available to do the larger 100 home test with the City and Avista this summer, group should do the 5 home test with volunteers and some people who would pay for test. This would be a great PR event on how people can save energy.

Next meeting April 28th, 6pm at 621 Lake Street
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