

**Sustainability Advisory Board
Summary Notes
March 31, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Glen Friedman, Susan Day, Michelle Wittenbrink, Tamara Gilbert, Rich Wilhelmi

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elaine Aye, Robin Rabirowf

GUESTS: Lorie Griffith

STAFF: Shauna Shroyer, Eng. Admin. Assistant

Chairperson Friedman opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Minutes were approved as presented.

Glen updated the group about the Planning Commission's recent and upcoming meetings. April 6th is a work session between the City Council and Planning Commission that a member should attend.

City Green Team: They have set some goals and will be working on those. The Green Team meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 1 p.m. Shauna will start attending the Green Team meetings.

Funding for Sustainability Projects: Funds for sustainability projects have, as a part of the supplemental budget, been assigned to the City Managers budget. Any expenses for identified sustainability projects can be charged against that account. This funding came from the 2% franchise fee increase when the Trash and Recycling contract was renewed.

Library Resources: The library has supplied a list of books and DVD's for adults, teens and kids. Because the list is over the allotted \$1,000 budget, it will need to be prioritized. Would like to have the new resources stamped "made possible by..." For publicity, kick off the lecture series at the library, highlighting the new resources. Can there also be information in the city newsletter?

Training: Will be proceeding with The Natural Step training first for select participants, then follow up with Elaine's training (LEED EB) for all city employees. Next would be the Northwest Earth Institute for those who would like to go further. Would like to try to set the first two trainings for May. Shauna will work on scheduling. Rich offered to help Elaine in any capacity with her training.

Kiosks: Tamara is working with Robin and Elaine on this. Tamara will follow up with Kirsten Wyatt at the City and report back to Robin and Elaine.

Lecture Series: To put together, need to know who the audience is, how often it should be offered, what are the general topics to present. Glen suggested maybe two tracts.

Oregon Main Street Program: Michelle reported that West Linn is a participant. Willamette neighborhood has started and is looking for another neighborhood, possibly Robinwood, to get involved. Tom Soppe, from the City's Planning Department is working on it and Clackamas County is funding the program. Glen (from the Robinwood neighborhood) will contact the Willamette neighborhood and follow up.

Lorie Griffith, director of the Mary S. Young Park volunteers came by to speak to the group. Lorie gave a brief recap of all the volunteer work that has gone on at the park. In the works are summer nature classes at the park for kids (no child left inside program). Lorie's group is challenging neighboring cities to make the largest ivy ball on May 16. There is an ivy pull the first Saturday of the month at the park October through April. To keep momentum, Lorie would be available to host classes at the park (bird watching, plant identification, etc.) Lorie would like to see a visitor/information center at the park.

"Rediscover West Linn" was suggested as a catch phrase to identify some of what the group is trying to achieve – buying, staying, discovering local resources. Thank you, Susan.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting is April 21, 2009 at 6 p.m.