Sustainability Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment
April 21, 2010

MINUTES

Members Present: Ryan Blau, Melanie Brethauer, Jane Mathews, Duncan McPherson, Sasha Vrtunski, Dane Barrager
Staff: Councilmember Cecil Bothwell, Maggie Ullman, Phil Kleisler
Guests: Margie Mears

1. **Welcome**

   Maggie Ullman welcomed the group welcomed guest Margie Mears from Mathis Consulting.

2. **Action Items**

   a. Melanie Brethauer moved to approve the March 2010 minutes and Jane Mathews seconded.

3. **Presentations**

   a. Margie Mears from Mathis Consulting introduced herself and presented on the following topics:

      i. The new North Carolina Energy Code: The target of the new code is a 30% improvement in building efficiency, which will be a roughly $500 million investment, with a $120 million yearly energy savings.

      ii. New residential code summary: studies have shown that the annual energy savings are greater than the increase in mortgage payment.

      iii. New commercial code summary: Mears spoke on the demand-controlled ventilation, heat recovery ventilation, and systems commissioning.

      iv. Mears then discussed the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) final action hearing in Charlotte, NC.

   b. Sasha asked how long the IECC conference will be and if there are certain critical days (such as voting days. Mears replied that the conference will be roughly three weeks, and voting days may be close to four days.

      The committee discussed the opportunity of making a recommendation to City Council to send a City of Asheville delegation to the IECC conference. It was agreed that a subcommittee be formed to write this recommendation to City Council. The subcommittee includes: Sahsa Vrtunski, Dane Barrager, Ryan Blau, and Margie Mears.

4. Discussion

a. *PACE Update*

Cecil Bothwell commented that he was impressed by the PACE community meeting, specifically the UNC School of Government presentation and the large number of participants.

Maggie Ullman discussed the potential opportunity to use fixed rate loans to pilot the PACE Program (roughly $1 million). Ms. Ullman stated that she would like to bring the draft program description to the May 2010 SACEE meeting, but the meeting date would have to be changed.

b. 2025 Plan Review

Maggie Ullman distributed a document outlining operational updates of the 2025 plan (attached). The committee agreed to review this document and provide comments to staff via e-mail, to include:

i. Prioritize ten items from the list
ii. Comments
iii. Questions
iv. Critical points missing

The committee then agreed to receive a brief update from HUB, via Dane Barrager. Maggie Ullman then discussed the Stormwater Ordinance and suggested having McCray Coates (and possibly Cathy Ball) provide an update at the April 2010 SACEE meeting.

5. Staff Report

Maggie Ullman then gave a number of updates (attached), including: The City of Asheville recently received a grant to subsidize the sale of compost bins to the community; the Burton Street Center youth will show their recycling video to City Council on April 27th; Earth Day is the launch of the single stream recycling in 90% of City facilities.

6. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

7. SACEE Update

Chair Matt Raker has written a letter to City Council summarizing updates and will give his formal report to City Council on Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

8. **Next meeting May 12, 2010 at 3:00pm in the Public Works Building.**

9. The Committee meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.