

Subject: Meeting Summary 4/14 - TEAMS!

Hello peoples,

On Thursday evening we basked in the glow of our respective laptops and communicated over our Brady Bunch grid known as a zoom call.

In attendance were

Marilyn, Laurel, Kaity*, Barb, Andrea, Greg, Paul, David, & Jenn (from GMP)

*took notes

Let's get to the good stuff.

GO TEAM(S)!

We all have varying levels of interest in various aspects of energy action. We can all agree it's all important, but one person may have less interest in grid issues than in weatherization, for example. So here's the idea: we have active subcommittees that meet independently and all come together for a core meeting with updates.

So, here are the subcommittees we've thought of:

Food Systems - how do we get shipping pollution down, and sustainably improve/promote local options?

Electrical - how do we manage our local grid and achieve beneficial electrification?

Thermal - how we get our buildings more efficient both at retaining their heat and producing it?

Transportation - how do we get around without burning fossil fuels?

Communication - supportive role, how do we help get each of these subcommittees messages across? Lots of people have all of the above concerns, how do we get them actively involved?

Okay! So, here's where it comes to you, reader. Of the above subcommittees, which ones do you find you have a passionate interest in helping with? It can be one (hyper focused,) none (casual observer,) all (got lots of time,) or anywhere in between.

Next, let me know and we'll keep a list then have you email/communicate amongst yourselves.

Then, we'll work out a structure where you can nominate a chair or any other roles you think your subcommittee can use.

And, once a month, we'll all get together for a jamboree!

Phew! That was just part one of my summary, and it will be important going forward. Thanks for sticking with me this far into the email. We also talked about an upcoming EV Fair, with Jenn Yandow from GMP as a guest.

EV FAIR

So, to recap, at our last meeting we decided we wanted to do an EV fair but wanted to make sure it wasn't conflicting with what other regional energy committees have planned. From my discussion with regional energy committees, Sutton is having an energy fair in May but otherwise no one else has anything similar planned and all who responded gave us their blessing and would love to be involved. I asked Marty, and he said it would be okay to have it on the lawn again.

We have a tentative date for September 17th, 10am - 1pm. Let me pop some of our discussion into digestible dots that we can revisit at a future meeting:

- GMP will bring vehicles again and allow test drives.

- We'll ask dealers to come again - though Saturdays are a recipe for a no show from dealerships (busy sales day) We'll also ask e bike and e motorcycle dealers to come.
- What can we do differently this time? Bring in a broader picture of the importance to climate change, and the transportation picture as a whole.
- Availability of vehicles (EVs or otherwise, new or used) is hard to come by right now.
- Will all these EVs overload the grid? GMP provides chargers where they control the power to mitigate this problem. Vehicle to grid is not a common option right now.
- David will get some literature about EVs (helps address concerns with batteries, and manufacture costs as a negative)
- GMP rebates are hard to navigate, an easy flier would be nice.

Alrighty - so we've got some event planning in our future!

Window Dressers

If anyone is on the realtors association, Laural could use your help presenting. To promote the upcoming window dressers campaign, there will be a sample insert at the Pope, Laural has fliers that are going out to the various relevant agencies. The quote to the town went over well and they favor doing the entirety of the North Danville Community Center (as opposed to just a symbolic "room.") David offered that he can do an analysis of how much this saves after installation.

I'll take this time to urge, if you or anyone you know has some drafty windows, and a place to store inserts - take advantage of the program - it's either cheap or free. Marilyn is keeping a list of participants.

Update on H518

I couldn't tell much from the senate subcommittee update, but it appeared they were largely favorable to the bill.

For those who remained, our meeting ended with my kids hitting me repeatedly in the face with a stuffed animal trying to end the call.

Upcoming events

I can still use volunteers for May 4th walk to school day.

I can also still use volunteers for a May 15th Destination Danville bike ride & picnic

Sutton is having an energy fair of their own May 14th. If anyone wants to offer up help to Darlene, it's their first one and they would probably love to have you as either a participant or attendee.

She's been super helpful to us on window dressers to date: ashgrove@charter.net

There are a few things I've left off the meeting notes.

Let me know if there is a team (or two, or three...) that you'd like to be a part of.

I'll be keeping a list but am away on vacation all next week, so might not be responsive right away.

cheers and thanks for being you,
Paul