

Energy Working Group Notes, May 20, 2010

Attending: Sam Gromberg (SACE), Lauren Steiner (SACE), Tom King (ORNL), John Knisley (Private Consultant), Tom Rose (Private Consultant), Zane Foraker (Knox County), Erin Burns (City), Susanna Bass (City)

Discussion Topics

- 1.) *Template Item for Recommendation: **Education*** is a reoccurring theme in this group – recommendations to the City re education about the Ameresco Contract, energy savings potential in individual offices; several levels of deployment: top down, middle down, bottom up?
 - Sam Gomberg and Zane Foraker to further explore/develop this idea.
- 2.) *Template Item for Recommendation: **Incentives in Codes*** discussion of occupancy licenses moving through the system more quickly than those who are not utilizing green development.
 - Sam Gomberg to explore with help from John Knisley, Sam to reach out to Knoxville Chamber of Commerce
- 3.) *Template Item for Recommendation: Suggested **LED retrofit*** as a policy sheet: Tom Rose and John Nicely to further develop this.
- 4.) KUB rates and KUB light standardization for the estimated 60,000 KUB lights discussion is ongoing between the City and KUB – no real role for the group in this unless data could be provided to speed up the setting of a new rate – City unsure how to “speed up” KUB rate setting process.
- 5.) *Template Item for Recommendation: Commercial **revolving loan pilot project*** with private financing. Bond is too large – discussion of starting small with a pilot project to show market validity, developing facts to bridge the finance information gap and spur market awareness. Discussion of the Craybar Financials, Home Federal, ePac (EPA) tax credits (\$3 sq /ft tax credit / deduction through 2012), and mention of Knox Chamber being home to Green Business financial incentive marketing.
 - Sam Gomberg to reach out to Chamber of Commerce.
- 6.) Discussion of TVA rates and a micro-grid idea on the South Waterfront spurred talk of a vision versus or in compliment with individual action items. Interns are researching deliverables format and plans from other places. Pros include being able to go for grants with a better success rates, cons include finding a champion willing to push this through the political channels in Knoxville and loosing the low hanging fruit in the process. Right now the groups are developing a work plan that may or may not involve policy changes (depending on the action item). ORNL has agreed to present the Sustainable Campus plan to the Task Force Meeting on 06/24/10.
 - Sam Gomberg and Tom King to discuss and report back to working group.