

Energy Working Group Notes, June 24, 2010

Attending: Sam Gromberg (SACE), Lauren Steiner (SACE), John Knisley (Private Consultant), Zane Foraker (Knox County), Erin Burns (City), Susanna Bass (City), Susan Edwards (KUB)

1.) Updates on progress of proposed Items for Policy Recommendation spreadsheets:

- Potential Recommendation: Energy education to City Employees: how habits affect bills.

Zane and Sam met and think an Energy Manager position is cost effective and a good idea. Bass asked ICLEI for resources on Energy Manager positions and passed shared Durham county EM position information to Sam. KUB sent their "Green Challenge" program to SACE as input on this item.

- Potential Recommendation: Code Incentives for those who are utilizing green development.

Bass noted tie in to Sustainable Growth Group, but that group focused on a stormwater utility recommendation, so it's still valid coming from this group. Need to flesh these ideas out.

- Potential Recommendation: LED streetlight retrofit; working with KUB to develop LED rates.

KUB noted that the short poll application was better than the tall poll for conversion. Not ready for an LED conversion at a large scale but ready for pilot with the city-owned watchmen. Zane noted that the schools pay \$70,000 annually for the watchmen and that they would like to see an energy efficient option available.

- Potential Recommendation: Commercial revolving loan pilot project with private financing.

Mention of "pathway funding", a state loan program up to \$300,000 in interest free loans (formal announcement July 15). Bank of America also offering low mortgage rates for energy efficiency. Mention of Amy Bunton of Nashville Energy Services offering 5% (what used to be Southeast Capitol – note, Bass made multiple attempts to contact and finally gave up). Mention of BB&T as well.

PACE was also briefly discussed, and the Fannie / Freddie issuance of objection that the energy retrofits take precedence over the mortgage. No resolution to date.

- Potential Recommendation: Parking garage lighting retrofits.

No discussion at this meeting.

- Potential Recommendation: Measurement Verification.

Discussed urgent need to verify energy savings, emissions reductions, and general progress tracking. City is determined to come up with a logical tracking system for progress, but does not know what this looks like for Knoxville yet. Computer software? Which?

2.) Next meeting: August 19. Need to insure list is finalized. Assign each recommendation to a Group Member so these recommendations make it onto paper for the October 15 deadline.