

Working Group Name: Climate

Meeting Date: December 6, 2011

Meeting Location: National Wildlife Federation, 901 E Street NW, WDC

Attendees:

Dan Barry	David Schwartzman	Jermaine Brown
John MacGregor	Audrey Stewart	Marian Rota
Steve Waller	Michael Thompson	Omar Hawit
Art Von Lehe	Leah Boggs	Roger Chang
Scott Pomeroy	Catherine Roussel	Kara Reeve
Kent Slowinski	Annie Bennett	Joanna Kendis
Judy Kosovich	Sara Hoverter	Gene Imhoff
Brendan Shane	Larry Martin	Josh Lasky
Amy Tarce	Yiming Roberts	
Phetmano Phannavong	Jared Green	

MEETING AGENDA:

- 1. BRIEF Introductions – 10 minutes (All)**
- 2. Discussion on Scope and Responsibilities – 10 minutes (Larry, Dan, Josh)**
 - Development of additional/aspirational goals for mitigation and adaptation (those not currently included in the CAP)
 - Ongoing coordination with other SDC working groups
 - Creation of implementation strategies (for both SDC Plan and CAP)
 - Refinement of existing CAP (which focuses on mitigation)
- 3. Breakout Brainstorm – 15 minutes (All)**
 - Group will break up based on interest in the four areas of responsibility for an initial discussion on “sub-group” priorities and strategies for tackling responsibilities
- 4. Report Out from Breakout Groups – 10 minutes (All)**
- 5. Developing a Vision: “What is our vision for climate planning and the future of DC?” – 45 minutes (Larry, Dan, Josh)**
- 6. Closing Comments – 5 minutes (Larry, Dan, Josh)**
- 7. Setting the Next Meeting Date (Dan)**

Please see the attached summary of climate planning currently in progress and pending.

Main Points/Discussion:

Four main areas of concern for WG focus:

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Purpose of WG going forward – to move through the Sustainable DC planning process to develop a vision for climate sustainability, a set of distinct goals for climate planning and action, and to refine these to serve as elements of the Sustainable DC plan as well as to aid in the completion of the Climate Action Plan currently being crafted for the District.

Integration of climate with other working groups – Many climate WG members are also trying to attend other working groups. There is a recognition that the work being done in climate applies to many (most) of the other working groups, and that cross-pollination of ideas will strengthen the results. The climate WG did not set up a formal roster of cross-group attendance, but instead agreed to informally ensure that climate is represented in other groups, and vice versa.

Vision for climate WG:

A round-table discussion gathered ideas and statements towards developing a vision statement for the climate group. The attached spreadsheet is a listing of those statements. Column 1 is the vision statement as written at the meeting, and Column 2 is a re-phrasing of that idea into more vision-like verbiage. These statements should be used by our working group to refine a vision statement and/or set of principles around climate sustainability. These will also help us set goals as we move in the next phase of the sustainability planning process.

The following synthesis of the vision statement has been offered by a member of our working group, and is a fine starting point for further refinement or expansion (these are not mutually exclusive):

We envision a sustainable, just, equitable, entrepreneurial, and resilient community that leads the world in bold action to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Leverage regional knowledge sharing and international best practices in sustainability and climate change adaptation and mitigation. Recognizing that in order to be sustainable, a society most above all be sustainable for all people, we envision this plan to be implemented across every issue area and every sector in the city, by being accessible to all, regardless of neighborhood of residence, race, gender or gender identification, sexual orientation, income, education level, language ability, native language, physical ability, learning ability, or immigration status, and by catering to the needs of each community.

Next Steps (with any point people in parentheses):

WG participants should review and refine vision statement(s)

WG members can think about whether any vision statements could serve as “principles” that append the core vision statement.

WG participants should begin to distinguish “goals” statements from “vision” statements

Open Questions:

Date for next meeting: January 12, 2012

Location for next meeting: 441 4th Street NW (Judiciary Square), Room 1114

Questions? Email Daniel.barry@dc.gov

If you need to reach a Sustainable DC team member after hours, please call Dan Barry at 202-594-4640

Glossary (to include any terms that are WG topic specific and not readily known to the public):

Resources (to include any books/websites that would be good for reference):