



Working Group Name: Energy

Meeting Date: 3/8/2012

Meeting Location: 441 4th Street NW, One Judiciary Square

Attendees: 18

Main Points/Discussion:

Facilitator Michael Yambrach opened the meeting and explained the agenda and process for the meeting.

- An update to the Clean Alternatives Technology Standard (CATS) working group was provided.
 - It was strongly suggested by multiple members of the working group that we be very careful not to call it “carbon-free,” given that it will primarily focus on coal and still allow natural gas generation. Rather we should focus on the carbon emission reductions.
- The group then discussed the top 10 goals/actions in order to finalize any additions or changes that the group would agree on.
 - Goal #1 -- the group unanimously voted to bump up the renewable standard for the District from the originally proposed 65% by 2050, to 80% by 2050 in order to align it with the Rocky Mountain Institute’s “Reinventing Fire” study and book.
 - Additional work is needed to analyze what the local generation targets should be and this can happen during the Comprehensive Energy Plan process.
 - There was also a discussion about ground source heat pump potential and incorporating that into the Energy Plan
 - Goal #3 – the group discussed how important this goal is and how it was one of the most important of the overarching goals that translated across all of the Sustainable DC groups.
 - Goal #6 – the group voted to change the language for energy reductions from “per capita” to “total consumption” numbers. Additional conversation was held regarding what the baseline year should be. Someone suggested that it be 2009, the same baseline that the DC Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU) is using.
 - Goal #10 – the group discussed how:



- The DCSEU needs audit data
 - Building owners should be required to do energy audits periodically (say every 5 or 10 years) and at point-of-sale
 - All potential building buyers should have access to the audit information
- The groups were then asked by the facilitators to break out into groups in order to finish the columns in the goals/actions spreadsheet.

Facilitator Michael Yambrach then thanked all the participants for their service to the city's sustainability initiative and provided information about what the next steps would be in the process. The meeting was then adjourned.

Next Steps:

- Bill Updike would update goals/actions spreadsheet for its final submittal.
- CATS subgroup is working on a white paper for submitting to the council for potential legislation.
- Energy Conservation Ordinance (ECO) subgroup is working on a white paper for submitting to the council for potential legislation.

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