

Sustainability Committee Meeting June 17th 2008

Meeting Start Time: 10:05

I. Introductions:

II. Task Force Reports

a. Policy:

- New student orientation interns: presented to the group.
- George St. Student fair- need volunteers to work fair, pass around sign up sheet
- Welcome week event 27th of August: Sustainability picnic @ Cistern - food from Aramark? Music? Jenny Bloom, Stephanie from Service Learning, and city green committee meeting will all be speaking. Need volunteers.
- Website blog open for all of group
- Sustainability plan: has been broken into parts, SCEG, solar panels, etc. Goal is zero emissions.

III. Heritage Corridor:

- Jerome Clemons (history masters student) proposed a sustainability corridor, which is similar to the SC heritage corridor. Two blocks of green from St. Phillips and Coming-refurbished buildings: Craig café 2010 LEED silver, Randolph - get Cistern working (John and Davis said it could be used as a secondary source of irrigation). President's office will be a model for efficiency. 65 George has no current plans to be refurbished-use Poli-Sci building as an example.
- Food in Stern Center - support local vendors when contracts run up. Jan Brewton is responsible for contracts.
- Friday proposal to shift funds to haul trash and make money or save money by recycling. Maybe next year we can compost.
- George St. apartments could potentially have classes for residents to learn.
- Corridor has examples of different types of green. –Craig is corporate office, stern is local business, and 65 George will be similar Poli-Sci.

IV. Service project:

- Work with sustainability institute to complete energy audits
- Potentially renovate Bull St. houses. Do a retro-fit with 1,500-2,000 volunteers. Potential partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Use native species in landscaping, rain barrel, water heaters. Mike Turner can get numbers on operating costs to do a comparison.
- 65 George St. could be an easier project
- Could use Americorp members and graduate student to work on project