

MEMORANDUM

TO: Roger L. Stancil, Town Manager
FROM: John Richardson, Sustainability Officer
SUBJECT: June 9, 2009 Sustainability Committee Meeting
DATE: June 10, 2009

A QUICK REPORT

Members Present: Yonni Chapman, Barbara Driscoll, Julia Gohlke, Josh Gurlitz, Thomas Henkel, Paulo Nery, John Noor (Vice Chair), Hank Rodenburg, Cindy Shea (UNC Liaison), Mayor Pro Tem Jim Ward (Council Liaison); Members Absent:, Sherif Ghobrial (Chair), Vasu Kilaru; Staff Present: John Richardson (Staff Liaison); Others Present: Arthur Finn

Call to Order, Announcements and Petitions:

- *Announcement:* The Committee was informed that the appointment item for the committee vacancy will not return to Council until the fall.
- *Agenda Modification:* The Committee unanimously agreed to set aside 10 minutes at the end of the meeting to discuss a member's draft letter to Council and the Sustainable Community Visioning Task Force.
- *Announcement:* The staff liaison informed the Committee that the staff will be developing an application for the Recovery Act's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding opportunity through the Department of Energy.

Approval of Minutes:

- The Committee unanimously approved the May 5 minutes.

Old Business:

- *Continued Work and Discussion re: Draft Sustainability Committee Work Plan:* The Committee continued its work to refine the draft plan, paying particular attention to the environmental focus area. The Committee unanimously agreed to send the staff liaison more detailed edits before the next meeting so that such suggestions can be reviewed by the full committee at the July meeting.

New Business:

- *Draft Letter to Council and the Sustainable Community Visioning Task Force:* A member of the Committee explained the proposed letter and noted the importance of informing the Council, the public, and the task force of the social justice sustainability concerns regarding the task force makeup, planning and process. The letter calls for a moratorium on the process so as to address the specific concerns outlined in the letter. The Committee passed a motion (7-1) requesting that the Chair—as representative to the task force—convey any content from the letter that he deems appropriate (see summary of action, attached).

Adjourn:

- The Committee unanimously voted to extend the meeting beyond 8:30 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2009

**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF ACTION REPORT**

- Subject:** Draft letter to Council and Sustainable Community Visioning Task Force calling for a moratorium on the process to address and resolve specific social justice sustainability concerns.
- Meeting Date:** June 9, 2009
- Recommendation:** The Committee voted to recommend that the Chair—as representative to the task force—convey any content from the letter that he deems appropriate.
- Vote:** 7 in favor (Barbara Driscoll, Julia Gohlke, Josh Gurlitz, Thomas Henkel, Paulo Nery, John Noor, Hank Rodenburg) and 1 opposed (Yonni Chapman)
- Prepared by:** John Richardson, Sustainability Officer and Staff Liaison to the committee