

**City of Newport
Energy and Environment Commission**

Mission: Advise the Council and Educate the Public on energy-efficiency
and renewable energy measures and the environment, to foster a more sustainable community

Agenda for Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2013 @ 7:30 PM

Newport Public Library

Call to order and appointment of meeting recorder

Approval of minutes of September 12 meeting

Report on Council Meeting (Doug Sabetti)

General Business

Review and report progress on action items from past two meetings (See other side)

Verify calendar for 2013 – dates for Nov.& Dec. meetings

RIDE reception, November 1 – our role

November meeting – Reschedule of Sustainable Events public meeting

Pell School High Performance public meeting – reschedule for Feb. or March

Updates and reports:

Sea Level event – SEA Aware, this evening, 5:30, Gateway Center

Harvest Fair, October 5 & 6

Complete Streets forum, October 11

Fall Recycling Day, Sept.28

Event recycling ordinance – update

Parking lot landscape ordinance – update

Pell School Green Team – update

Action items from this meeting

Calendar:

Sustainable Events Protocol public meeting- Nov. 19

Northeast Region Sustainable Schools Summit – 11/1-3 Salve Regina U.

RIDE reception for Summit – 11/1

Pell School sustainable initiatives – Reschedule public meeting—Feb. or March

Next meeting: November 19 @ 6:00, Location TBA (Sustainable Events Public Meeting)

Adjourn

August Action Items

1. Meet with Jane to let her know our new Priorities and mission and attempt to understand how to work together better.
2. Dawn will work with Kristin regarding "Move-In/ Move-Out" waste reduction facts flyer
3. Thais to contact Donna Kelly to see how we can work together with Pell "Green Team" and "Energy Team." Goal could be to work on curriculum connections to green components of the school. Maybe create a scavenger hunt where parents and students go from place to place in the school to hunt for sustainable components and interact with an interpreter or sign posted that explains the strategies.
4. Kristie to ask URI if they want to sponsor a table at the Norman Bird Sanctuary Harvest Fair to do some outreach for their Climate Change initiative.

Sept. 12 action items (as reported to the City Council and City Manager:)

1. We are beginning to research an events recycling ordinance.
2. We are beginning our research efforts with the Tree and Open Space Commission so we can make recommendations for a Sustainable Parking Lot Ordinance, as per your request.
3. We are planning a community meeting to review the 2013 sustainable events for October 24 at the Library. Council members are encouraged to attend.
4. We endorsed the Daffidillion Project.
5. We are participating in Fall Recycling Day being organized by Kristin Littlefield on September 28 at First Beach.
6. We are planning to have a booth at the Norman Bird Sanctuary Harvest Fair in October.
7. We are planning an event at the Pell School to showcase the high energy performance features of the school, probably in January.
8. We are working to become active with the Pell School Green Team.
9. We passed a motion to ask the Council to support a resolution endorsing the "Find Your Four" Energy Challenge.
10. We are discussing co-sponsoring a forum on Complete Streets, with the Bike and Pedestrian Commission and maybe Bike Newport.