

Envision 2020

E2020 Energy Conservation Taskforce meeting February 24, 2011, 8-9 am Greater Mankato Business Development Center, Classroom B

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Present: Ted Downey, Jon Hammel, Leigh Pomeroy, Katy Wortel

I. Ted Downey opened the meeting at 8:00 am.

II. Reports

A. Ted reported about Lou's contact with Minnesota Climate Change Corps, and his contact with Micheal Orange

Lou's email: I spoke at length with Michael Orange this morning.

He has done a carbon baseline assessment (aka greenhouse gas inventory) for

Minneapolis and other cities and gave us some tips on how to proceed, which I can do, when time allows. His methodology is explained in his Minneapolis report which can be found here:

<<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability/carbon.asp>><http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability/carbon.asp>

B. Leigh reported on CERT meeting; about 600 attendees were mostly people outside metro area, no state government elected officials, many cities represented, and the focus was on economic development of renewables and conservation. He expressed a hope for annual meeting rather than biannual.

III. Old Business

A. Home Show update – the Home Show subcommittee (Ted, Paul Gorman Leigh, Lou, and Katy) The subcommittee has been meeting regularly to plan the Task Force booth at the Mankato Home Show. Anyone interested in participating should contact one of the subcommittee members.

Next meeting: March 2 Wednesday 9:am at Mankato Library.

We started sign up for the Booth Schedule attached PLEASE respond to the times you are willing attend.

II. Announcements

A. Mankato community garden

I'm very happy to announce, albeit unofficially, that this year in conjunction with Feeding Our Communities Partners the City of Mankato will be sponsoring a community garden to be located tentatively at the corner of Stoltzman Road and W. Pleasant adjacent to the skating rink and kitty corner from the West High School athletic fields.

The Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry has had a community garden for several years, and the City of North Mankato sponsors one as well.

If you are interested in helping with the Mankato/FOCP community garden, please contact Melinda Wedzina of FOCP atfocp.mn@gmail.com.

B. A green step cities Meeting will be at the Design Center Next to Busters this Saturday at 1:pm

V. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 am. Next meeting: Thursday, March 24, 8-9 am, Greater Mankato Business Development Center, Classroom B.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Downey