

**Go Green Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, March 19, 2010**  
**12:00 Noon**

**Members (those present designated by \*)**

Johann Berlin (Sustainable City Solutions)  
\*Detra Dettmann (USDA-NRCS/Pathfinders RC&D)  
\*Brian McDonald (Ambient Control Systems)  
Fred McElwee (Fairfield Community School District)  
Bob Ferguson (Shaklee)  
Lonnie Gamble (MUM, Sustainable Living Department)  
Martha Norbeck (C-Wise)  
\*Todd Reifsteck (Dexter-Apache Company)  
\*Stuart Valentine (Iowa Progressive Asset Management), via telephone  
Sonia Vera (MUM, International Admissions Counselor)  
\*Gus Schaus (Schaus-Voorhees Construction)  
Staci Wright (Fairfield High School)  
Sue Henderson (ISU Extension)

**Others present**

\*Scott Timm, Sustainability Coordinator

Valentine called to order at 12:07 p.m.

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Minutes accepted as presented.

<b>Sustainability Coordinator Report:</b>
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Scott showed a mockup of the website. It includes information on projects, the first Green Leadership Award, blogs, etc. It will also be able to accept donations for specific projects via the ISU Foundation.

Household manual draft was distributed, created from part of Iowa Power Fund grant funds. It focuses on priorities that people can easily get involved with. Provide feedback back to Scott who will forward them to Amy. Suggestions: include Green Commission website on each page, maybe include a wind turbine on front page, perhaps outline simple steps to get people started, include simple action steps at the bottom where people can get more information.

Backyard Conservation series: This has really taken shape over the last 3-4 weeks. 12 programs are being offered. 150 Earth Machine composters have been secured for sale and will be sold at-cost. It would be nice to subsidize these for low-income via a grant or other funding. These are easy to use and a nice size for households. Two workshops will be hosted by COSC.

Scott has been traveling a lot the last few weeks.

COSC will help with professional development for city council members. Other communities are interested in taking part. This is still in planning stages.

The State has adopted progressive energy codes and there is a need for education for community leaders and contractors. Fairfield may host a statewide conference about energy codes in August.

HUD funding—looks like there is \$150 million to be released for communities with sustainable initiatives in place.

<b>Committee Reports</b>
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- **Awards and Celebrations**
- **Communications/Media Relations**
- **Energy Efficiency (Commercial & Residential)**
- **Fundraising**
- **Green Economic Development/Investments**
- **Green Business Council**
- **Land Use/Water Quality Issues**
- **Populations in Need**
- **Public Policy**
- **Renewable Energy Projects in Iowa**
- **Schools & Education**
- **Wellness and Local Food**

Relevant committee items were discussed during Scott's report.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

*Submitted by Detra Dettmann*