

TCRP Minutes: 4 February 2006

Roll Call

Jon Bosak, Josh Dolan, Michael Doliner, Stephanie Doliner, Meredith Graham, Marty Hiller, Jen Maffet, Ed Mikula, Matt Miller, Denise Mooney, Dave Quinn-Jacobs, Kate Quinn-Jacobs, Matt Miller, Angelika Rumberger, Bethany Schroeder, Simon St.Laurent

The intro presentation: TCRP's first full presentation

EcoVillage postmortem: Went well and seemed to have been received well. Pace was leisurely; may need to be adjusted, depending on audience's knowledge of peak oil.

Equipment backup: the projector failed, although an alternate was made available from an EcoVillage resident. TCRP members agreed to the need for a back up in the form of overheads, which will require a projector. Marty recommends we try Groups.yahoo.com/group/IthacaFreecycle as a resource.

AI: Jon to follow up or delegate.

Recent changes to the slides: TCRP contributors' names added, along with a bullet on hydrogen and a slide about getting involved in community sustainability activities. Discussed whether to add more TCRP information and whether to develop two different presentations to meet the needs of various audiences. The group agreed to develop a longer presentation that can be adapted to different audiences. **AI:** Jon will revise the slides and redistribute for comments.

Members also discussed adding entries for wind power, ethanol, biogas, biodiesel, as well as suggested readings. Members believe that suggested readings and ways people can get involved in sustainability activities should be added to a handout to be made available for presentations and at community events. Bethany has developed a short handout. **AI:** Bethany to send handout to the members for feedback and changes/additions.

Action item review from January:

Lining up presentations: Some members have committed to either asking local leaders about presentations or handing off names to Jon, so that he can make the contacts. Jon has heard from Josh and is waiting to hear from other members.

Kate thinks the Center for Environmental Sustainability may be interested after Earth Day. **AI:** Kate will follow-up.

Members wondered whether we could approach retired Cornell and IC professors, as well as graduate students and CU extension staff about contributing to the effort or suggesting venues for presentations.

Angelika: —possible NWAEG—maybe in summer. **AI:** Angelika will check.

Josh: Presentation at GreenStar March 1, although any Wednesday in March is now open. **AI:** Jon to contact [\[mail address deleted\]](#).

Representation in the community – what are the limits?

Bethany has asked that the group consider how much effort we want to put into attending community functions related to sustainability and energy. The group agreed that our presence might make acceptance of the plan document more likely. We'll continue to put opportunities for involvement on the TCRP list, but members should not feel obligated to attend.

Coordination site/Repository:

Interested members can meet with Dave at Autumn Leaves on 2/9 at 2pm to work on navigating the coordinating software for TCRP.

Posting directly to the list rather than through the chair:

Members don't need to go through Jon to post to the group.

Proposed new research areas:

Clothing: Rather than creating a section for clothing, link references to clothing needs and resources by way of an index. The group wondered whether clothing should be considered under a long-range heading. The community may not need clothing as much as clothing exchanges. Should we frame the issue as a problem of commodity distribution? We also noted that fiber production impinges on land-use issues. Stephanie and Michael pointed out potential problems with eminent domain related to land use in times of change and that incentives rather than edicts can yield cooperation.

Shelter: Members agreed that new home construction will not likely be an issue between 2010 and 2020, whereas retrofitting older buildings will be an essential activity. We need to make further efforts at involving the Ithaca Green Builders' Alliance and related companies in the TCRP. We will want to look at connecting blocks of houses in order to encourage efficiency. We discussed the term "shelter," agreeing that it's broader and offers more options for inclusion than "housing" for example. "Home and Heating" might be a good descriptor, however.

The arts: An area that typically gets cut from school budgets during lean times. Members asked how will arts groups make a living when they can't travel anymore? In order to keep youth busy, expressive, and engaged, the community will need a framework targeted at our young people, and doing so through the arts may be feasible. Another possible category as a subset of art might be "stories and information." Stephanie observed that sharing stories of all kinds was until modern times one of the ways people processed experience. We'll require language that helps to express what the community is beginning to experience. Specifically, how do we present this to young people, and how do we support the emotional needs of all people? How have people with limited resources socialized in times past? These concerns might best be placed in the last section of the plan document, "social and psychological adjustment."

Finally, Jen asked whether we need a better foundation for the plan document, with more hierarchy. Jon will work on the plan and redistribute to the TCRP for comments and suggestions.

Earth Day planning:

- Event to be held April 23, 12-5 p.m. at the Farmer's Market
- Need 2-3 people to man a booth
- Could share a booth with Prepared Tompkins
- Could have charts and handouts
- Might consider providing things for kids to play with
- Try for adjacency with Prepared Tompkins

AI: Josh, Simon, Angelika, Marty, and Denise will hold a planning session, 2/22 at 5 p.m. at Josh's place, [address deleted]. Simon to serve as point person for the planning activities.

AI: Kate to complete the booth form in behalf of the TCRP. (See Jon and Bethany for booth fee.)

Beginning work: for example, forming the Food team

Ed, Matt, Meredith, Josh, and Marty will have a food team meeting at the Chapter House on 2/17 at 4:30 p.m. to start answering some of the following questions, among others:

Is the food team one team or several?

Who's in charge of the team?

When and how often does it meet?

Should it meet first and then review and divide up the research questions, or the other way around?

Relative to food, Michael Smith's students at IC may have information about how food production and distribution were managed during WWII and the Depression, as well as in Cuba after the embargo. **AI:** Bethany to query via email.

Meeting schedule:

March 4

April 1

April 29--reschedule

June 3

(April 29 isn't open after all. Jon will reschedule with the members.)