

Minutes of the TCLocal Meeting

7 April 2007

Roll Call: Jon Bosak, Kate Quinn-Jacobs, Angelika Rumberger, Simon St. Laurent, Bethany Schroeder

Reports

TCAT Advisory Group meeting 12 March (*Jon*): the group discussed amenities (benches, etc.) at the meeting. TCLocal members are encouraged to share ideas about other TCAT developments or improvements with Jon.

Local Action Plan Energy Policy Committee meetings 13 March and 3 April (*Jon*); note that TCLocal had an AI to provide input: Good group with a lot of talent, formed at the request of the Mayor. Jon isn't sure yet about the scope of the meetings or the long-range plans, goals, and objectives. The subcommittee that Jon is working with regarding energy descent has met twice. Minutes from the meetings have been or will be distributed to members of TCLocal. The minutes include energy-use information. Jon encourages questions from TCLocal members.

Sustainable Energy Seminar 3 April: Jon attended. Several local sustainability professionals attended as well, including Performance Systems Contractors and the Newfield wind farm developer.

Postmortems

6 March, Ithaca Friends (*Jon*): presentation went well, with good questions from participants.

(*Note: we're omitting the monthly Peak Oil discussion group meetings from this list; they're continuing as usual and will be reported on if anyone has any questions.*): Kate will link the group meetings to the Prepared Tompkins site.

Upcoming TCLocal events (not counting Earth Day)

9 April, Energy descent presentation to the TC Legislature Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee (*Jon*): Jon will present to the PDEQ (15 minutes); more to follow.

18 April, Meeting with Chris Wilcox (Arcuri's energy aide), DC (*Jon*): possible meeting with Dan Utech (Clinton's energy aide) to discuss S.280: see <http://www.environmentaldefense.org/article.cfm?contentID=5813&campaign=815>. Jon has asked TCLocal members to advise him about how he might approach the discussion based on the bill, noted at the preceding URL.

20 April: Presentation to church group in Cumberland, MD (*Jon*): Jon will present PO concepts and relocalization solutions to his sister's church group.

7 July: Northeast Permaculture Conference: Angelika has offered to do the presentation.

TBD: Simon has been asked to present PO to a group of middle-school-aged Quakers.

Earth Day planning, 4/20/2007, 12-5 (*Kate*); progress on oil drum prop (*Jon*); Earth Day flyer (*Angelika*); survey (*Jen*); cookies (*Josh*): TCLocal will share the table with the Lasers, a Quaker school-aged group. If ABC doesn't make the cookies, Simon has offered to make some. Angelika and Simon offered to develop a prop for the event, and will be available to help Jon at the booth. TCLocal and Prepared Tompkins will set up adjacent to one another. Kate recommends decorating a drum as a 3-D bar graph; Jon will research further. Discussed Earth Day flyer, with comments and suggestions for minor improvements. Angelika will issue once more for group comment. Survey: Jen has issued a first draft; the group should send input.

Peak Oil Quotes flyer (*Angelika*): In an effort to get the Earth Day flyer completed, Angelika postponed work on this flyer.

Dan Cogan (Cty Council member for the past five years): discussed pros and cons of rebuilding Six-Mile Creek versus getting City water from Bolton Point. Cogan provided members with a graph to show comparative costs. Believes that the Six-Mile option requires a long supply chain for delivery of chemicals, whereas a smaller quantity of chemicals would be required for Bolton Point, in addition to which the energy required to pump water from Bolton could be purchased/made locally. The decision is imminent; environmental is review underway. Common Council will make the final decision. Jon will attach supporting electronic information. (Jon took good notes, if additional detail is of interest to absent members.)

Proposed charette (*Rob, Josh, Simon*): Will postpone until Josh returns.

Research progress reports (*all*)

Angelika has been working on the flyer.

Simon lost time to work, travel, and illness.

Kate worked on the peace event.

Bethany began working on her basic outline.

Kate has continued with her PO reading; she gave a brief book review of Alan Bates's cook book and Aric McBa's Peak Oil Survival.

Action Item review (only outstanding items not listed elsewhere)

Jon: Acknowledge Denise as water historian — *pending general editorial maintenance of web site materials*

Jon: Remove Dave Panofsky's ownership of various topics— *pending general editorial maintenance of web site materials*

Jon: Arrange meeting with Bill Hecht to gather data on local natural gas resources — *pending*

Jon: Write message to Senator Clinton expressing approval of her support for small-scale farming and local food in schools bills — *pending*

Simon: Mock up a two-column layout—*pending*

Work session: research paper formats and workflow

Workflow:

1. Simon creates a template that we all agree on, and we produce two versions of it, .doc and ODF.
2. Authors use whichever of these two templates they want and distribute preliminary drafts in PDF.
3. We discuss drafts as they appear and suggest changes in meetings after everyone has had a chance to look something over that's been previously distributed in email.
4. After everyone's signed off on a draft, the author submits it to the editor in whatever form the author used in creating it.
5. The editor imports the draft into (whatever) and creates the final PDF.
6. The editor puts it on the site, gets it to the printer, etc

Jon will be editor.

Adjourn to potluck at Jon and Bethany's place.

Next meeting: May 5, 5-7.

(Meetings scheduled thereafter: June 2, 5-7 and July 14, 5-7.)