

City of Newberg Sustainability Committee Meeting Notes

Date:	Tuesday, 8/3/10
Time:	2:00 pm
Location:	Engineering Conference Room
Participants:	Michelle Faber, Jan Wolf, Paul Chiu, Sonja Johnson

- Commuter Challenge
 - o *Discussed the Commuter Challenge. The winners were:*
 - *Most miles biked; Jan Wolf*
 - *Most miles carpooled: Michele Faber and Steve Biddle*
 - *Most miles walked: Scott Canfield*
 - o George Fox University indicated last spring that they may be interested in participating in the Fall Commuter Challenge. Paul will go to the next meeting and ask if they are still interested.
 - o Discussed ways to increase participation and potential future prize ideas.
- Encouraging sustainable transportation
 - o Discussed ways that the City could encourage alternative transportation such as building a covered bike rack, reserved spaces for carpooling employees and reserved spaces for hybrid cars. We decided that the bike rack will have to wait until the city budget improves. We decided it would be difficult to enforce a special parking area for carpoolers since we wouldn't know when they carpooled and when they drove in by themselves.
 - o Having a special place for hybrids to park was discussed at length since hybrid cars have an emblem on them making it easy to enforce. Cost may be an issue – Paul volunteered to find out the cost of a sign. Placement was discussed and we decided that the WaterWise Garden parking lot would be an ideal choice since it is a city parking lot, is often full, and would mesh well with the sustainable idea of the WaterWise Garden. Discussed the need for more than 1 sign – Jan will do a reconnaissance of the area around City Hall and the WaterWise Garden during busier hours such as Tunes on Tuesday or Farmers Market to determine if it would be worth “taking” a parking space away from the general public.
- Adopt a River and Adopt a Street
 - o Discussed the Adopt-a-River and Adopt-a-Street programs and decided that we could adopt an area south of City Hall to keep clean because it would be close and safer than 99W. Tabled the issue until next month.
- Adjourned at 3pm

Next Meeting:

Date: Tuesday Sept 7, 2010

Time: 2pm

Location: Engineering Conference Room