

# City of Newberg Sustainability Committee Meeting Notes

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 02/2/09
<b>Time:</b>	2:00 pm
<b>Location:</b>	Engineering Conference Room
<b>Participants:</b>	April Catan, Michele Faber, Denise Bacon, Sonja Johnson, Paul Chiu, Jan Wolf, Annette de Paz, , Lisa McMinn(GFU)

- **Lisa McMinn and George Fox University:**  
Lisa told us about the Food Meet 2010 event that the Creation Care Society held at George Fox. ([georgefox.edu/foodmeet](http://georgefox.edu/foodmeet)) They had 180 people attend and plan to do another one on Earth Day. We discussed possible ways that this committee could be a part of it. She also mentioned a Food Coop that is being started in Newberg (Denise has already been contacted/and agreed to be their City contact person).
- **Green Purchasing:**  
Annette brought some recycled office supplies that she was able to purchase through the city's purchasing program. She felt that it was very easy to locate recycled items, and that the prices were easily justifiable. Now we need to encourage all departments to use these products.
- **Recycling:**  
Sonja had information on different recycling programs- caps from recycled bottles, CD's. The group was interested in learning more about these programs so Jan is going to get more information on the CD's and Sonja will follow up with the cap recycling program (it was mentioned that the schools might also be interested in this).
- **Ford Family Foundation Community Garden:**  
Annette updated us on the Community Garden that she has been working on through the FFF Leadership training program. They were able to get land donated and the landowner will manage the program once the leadership group turns it over.  
The group talked about what interest the city might have in being part of a community garden and decided the very first thing we can do is to compile a list of what gardens are already out there and then decide if there is interest. Possible locations were also discussed- land by fire station and a partnership with the school district using Remy Field.

#### **Other business:**

We need to decide who we are, what we are interested in and determine what we are going from here. Then generate a memo that explains what we have done and where we are going to all city staff, and how they can contribute.

#### **Next Meeting:**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 2, 2010

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