

Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee

A special meeting of the Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee was called to order at 2:00 P.M., on March 9, 2010, at Alton City Hall, 101 E. Third Street, Alton, Illinois.

Members Present: Darrell McGibany, Alderman David Boulds, Zeke Jabusch, and Joel Schwaab

Members Absent: Jeremy Mills, Alderman Mick McCahill, and Chairman Wayne Politsch

Staff and Guests: Matt Asselmeier and Jeff Dale

The purpose of the meeting was to go over the Evanston Climate Action Plan and use it as a guide to create a Climate Action Plan for Alton. Discussion centered on the nine focus areas mentioned in the Evanston Plan and possible partners for implementing the recommendations.

Matt Asselmeier will contact the Sustainability Coordinator in Evanston to get advice on how to create the Plan and how the individuals were selected to be on a focus group. The suggestion was made to invite the Coordinator to Alton or schedule a trip to Evanston. Wayne Politsch will be asked if LCCC has a Climate Action Plan.

Discussion occurred of using a three phase approach to implement the Plan. Phase I would focus on education and City policy. Phase II would focus on large purchases and replacements in the City's vehicle fleet and in City owned buildings. Phase III would focus on the private sector.

The decision was made to divide the focus areas mentioned in the Evanston Plan and adapt them to Alton's needs. Joel Schwaab will handle transportation & land use, and energy efficiency & buildings. Matt Asselmeier will handle policy & research, education & engagement, and communications & public relations. Alderman David Boulds will handle renewable energy resources and waste reduction & recycling. Zeke Jabusch will handle forestry, prairie & carbon offsets. Jeff Dale will handle food production & distribution. Members should have their items prepared by the May 4th meeting.

Discussion also occurred regarding potential updates to the Kyoto Protocol.

With no additional business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, MPA