

Onondaga Citizens League "Greening CNY" Steering Committee Meeting Notes,
DECEMBER 1, 2009

Present: Jason Allers, Peter Arsenault, Diane Brandli, Mary Jean Byrne-Maisto, Dave Coburn, Megan Costa, Lori Dietz, Sam Gordon, David Holder, Steve Kearney, Dan Kelley, Rick Martin, Sara Wall-Bollinger, Sandra Barrett.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, January 5th, 3:30 – 5 PM, room 307 UC. Diane Brandli and Peter Arsenault will present some case studies/best practices.

12/1/09 UPDATES:

New study committee member: Mary Jean Byrne-Maisto, SU Geography PhD student.

DISCUSSION

Dan and Megan discussed the [Public Perception Survey](#). We are attempting to coordinate our questions with the SOCPA/SMTC mail survey on land use and transportation to eliminate most duplication and complement where possible. 1) It was suggested that a question be added on respondents' source of information regarding climate change, e.g. Internet site, newspapers, friends and family, etc. 2) Was suggested the second open-ended question be amended as a vision-type query, e.g.: "What is your vision for the community in 10 years as a green community?" 3) We talked about surveys of High School students, i.e. having committee members visit Government or Public Affairs classes in high schools and administering a written survey, and/or asking the classes to administer the survey to all the 11th graders in the school. Carol Dwyer has agreed to amend the telephone survey questions as written questions. 4) Separate written surveys for businesses (Chamber members for example) and community leaders are also planned.

High School Student projects - Sandra brought up the idea of soliciting projects from high school students to bring attention to the OCL Green Study, asking "What Does It Mean to Be Green?" from the students' perspectives. The group discussed the idea of having a competition among students or groups of students to design the report cover or to produce other creative items (short videos, poems, essays, photos, or multimedia) that could be used in the report, on the website, or in public places. Sandra will contact the Partners for Arts Education for advice and work with Sara and Mary Jean on a scheme.

The [Study Session chart](#) was reviewed. Sandra and Steve will work on a session on Water and Sewer Infrastructure. Sandra will follow-up with the Transportation group. Diane and Peter will hold the first case studies presentation at the next full Study Committee meeting on January 5. Case studies may include best practices as well as practices to be avoided. Communities studied may be different (larger, smaller, etc) than Syracuse but practices highlighted could be adaptable. Peter and Diane will also put together a Green Buildings and Housing panel for January to be held in a green building TBD. Sara offered the Enable headquarters, the first LEED certified building in Syracuse.

Green Websites – Sandra reported she will be meeting with an SU geography student who is planning to catalog and map "green" buildings and retailers in Syracuse. It was agreed this will be a good addition to the study, though it does not address the main issues of sustainable land use practices. Megan said that some measures of land use trends and sprawl have been mapped by SOCPA and more will be done. Sandra referred the group to the SOCPA PowerPoint linked to the study website.