

Palm Beach Community College  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Sustainability committee**  
**Aug 31, 2007**  
**2-4 pm**  
**V-tel**

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**ITEM 1. International Coastal Cleanup**

Discussion: Prof. Pam Pannozzo of the "community partnerships & education" group reported that based on the response so far, she expects about 100 PBCC students and staff to be participating. Flyers were distributed to those present who will post around campus. The event will take place Sept 15 at Bryant Park in Lake Worth. The PBCC team is responsible for both sides of the Intracoastal Waterway bridge and the waterfront along the park.

Action: If anybody is interested in participating please contact Pam so that she can ensure enough supplies are on hand. Tracy will distribute remaining flyers to committee members in Boca and PBG who were not present.

**ITEM 2. Water conservation kits – Benefits Fair**

Discussion: Palm Beach County Water Utilities Dept. sells water conservation kits for \$5. Tracy contacted PBCC HR dept. to seek permission to sell these at the upcoming Benefits Fairs College-wide. Permission was granted. Committee members will sell the kits to any interested employee at cost. The kits contain low flow shower heads, something to put in a toilet tank to use less water, and other water conserving items. Committee members will volunteer (in shifts) to staff our table and sell the kits.

Action: Tracy will purchase 80 kits from the county and then distribute to committee members participating in the sale.

**ITEM 3. LW campus Beautification Committee**

Discussion: Tracy Joinson communicated with committee chair Pat Richie and asked that sustainability be a part of the review process as the beautification committee decides what projects to do. Pat said she will discuss with committee at their next meeting 9/17.

#### **ITEM 4. Professional Development Day**

Discussion: Tracy looked into the cost of using the PBCC bus for a mass carpool, however the cost would be about \$350 which is probably not likely. The committee discussed other ideas including using the fleet vans instead and/or using the vans to pick up staff members at the Tri-Rail station.

Action: Erin M. will investigate.

#### **ITEM 5. Green Living Expo**

Discussion: Sandi Barrett informed the group that PBCC will possibly be hosting a "Green Living Expo" to take place Fall 2008. This would work well to promote some of the trade and industrial classes on building green and the AS Environmental Tech. program. Final approval is still being sought, but *if* given, PBCC may partner with the U.S. Green Building Council and the PB County Alternative Energy Task Force. If the event is held, a great deal of coordinating and support from committee members will be needed.

Action: Tracy will report result of meetings with John Wasukanis and Michael Kanaby to Erin. Sandi will report gymnasium availability and whether above mentioned partners are willing to participate and fund certain components also to Erin.

#### **ITEM 6. Subcommittee Reports**

Discussion: Food group - reported it's findings on current status at the College (vendor). Jeanne Boone gave the subcommittee report. She said the cafeteria manager, Robert Hodges, is open to new ideas. The cafeteria currently recycles cardboard and encourages students to limit their use of Styrofoam containers.

Purchasing group - Shelley Hill reported that the purchasing department is considering the use of recycled paper products (paper towels, toilet paper). John W. said Facilities pays between \$130,000 and \$150,000 a year for cleaning chemicals and bathroom paper. He said the contract for such items will be put out to bid next spring and the College will request the use of green products.

Action: The food and purchasing groups will pursue initiatives related to their area with the committees support.

**ITEM 7. Recycling**

Discussion: John W. said the College can have cans and bottles picked up for a cost plus pay the cost of labor to collect the items and take them to a central site. Chris Ward is looking at alternatives that are cost effective.

**ITEM 8. Focus the Nation**

Discussion: The committee discussed what PBCC will do for the Jan. 31 event. Suggestions were showing the film "KW Hours," have a cross-disciplinary panel of faculty and students, bring in outside experts on global warming solutions and promote the day for classes to discuss. The committee decided to form separate organizing teams consisting of 3-4 members for each campus to plan it's own events. So far organizing teams include: LW (P. Pannozzo, B. Cipriano, S. Ortiz); BR (B. Wolesensky, J. Boone). Additional organizing team members will be sought. (Note: organizing team members do NOT have to members of the Sustain. Comm.)

Action: Tracy will send out an information sheet of all items/ideas that were discussed during the meeting. Feedback and additions encouraged

**ITEM 5. Next meeting**

Discussion: Next meeting will take place in October. At that meeting, we will hopefully hear the last of the group reports, Coastal Cleanup result, Focus the Nation status report, Green Living Expo status, LEED presentation by John Wasukanis, committee website, and next steps/proposed projects for groups.

**Attendance:**

Tracy Joinson	Erin Mccolskey	John Wasukanis	Barbara Cipriano
Shelley Hill	Bobette Wolesensky	Karen Roeder	Mary Harper
Chris Daprix	David Cowan	Pam Pannozzo	Barbara Ricciardi
Sandi Barrett	Toni Wolf	Jessica Mrozek	Sonia Ortiz
Ali Fazelpour	Geoff Schlakman	Eileen Robinson	Sarah Warren

Jeanne Boone	Eugenia Cox		
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