

# City of Rockville Environment Commission

## “Energy Working Group” / Name TBD

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 24, 2009

Environmental Management – 30 Courthouse Square, Suite  
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7:15 pm

#### 1. Welcome / Agenda Review

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Seth Adams. In attendance: Seth Adams, Steve Cardon, Christine Davidson-McCord, Dominique Lorang-Leins, Tolulope Odunlami, Priya Premchandran and staff liaison Nate Wall.

A summary was given of the March 10<sup>th</sup> Environment Commission meeting.

#### 2. Working Group Administration Details

Still to be decided are the official name of this working group, and the exact details of its scope. While the building code revisions and green building program are the short-term goals, the group may wish to define itself with a larger scope to encourage future activities.

Members are to consider ideas for a name / scope. Some possible examples may be:

- Built Environment
- Sustainable Development
- Green Building
- Energy & Climate Protection

#### 3. Building Code updates and “green” revisions

After a brief overview of the building codes update, discussion began on Article 5 – Building Code, and continued on to Article 11 – Plumbing Code. Discussion included specifics of the “cool roofs” requirements, including the definition of a “green” or vegetated roof, the use of rainwater harvesting systems in connection with a cool roof, and the definition of renewable energy systems. Additional discussion occurred around the low-flow plumbing requirements, use of gray water recycling systems, and certain aspects of the Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) requirements in the plumbing code.

#### 4. Member News / Announcements / Upcoming Events

No news to report.

## **5. Wrap-up and Adjourn**

Due to the anticipated timing of the release of the building codes, the next meeting of the working group will be held Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 30 Courthouse Square.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm.