

CEAC Minutes – July 11, 2008

The Community Energy Advisory Council met at the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce on Friday, July 11, 2008. Those in attendance included Terry Albrecht, Vernon Daugherty, Lee Galloway, Harry Harrison, Dave Hollister, Jeff Loven, Rick Lutovsky, John Oswald, Nathan Ramsey, Michael Shore, LaVoy Spooner and Paul Szurek. Members of the public included Jim Barton, Ian Booth, Michael Hopping, Grant Millin, Maggie Ullman and Reid Conway.

News and Updates

- **Efficiency and Innovative Technology Department** – Robert Sipes, Progress Energy staff, announced that Rob Caldwell has been named the vice president in charge of this new department, reporting to John McArthur. He will be attending the August 8 CEAC meeting.
- **Alliance to Save Energy (Washington DC)** – An association with the DC-based national energy efficiency organization is being explored by the Progress team.

Michael Shore requested that Progress report to the CEAC on its priorities on the 2009 legislative agenda for comments.

- **CEAC Organization** – A planning discussion occurred re: CEAC members who resign will be replaced and which projects and programs will be priorities.

Community Education and Engagement (CEE). In addition to the previous work of the CEE subcommittee, the following ideas were brought forward: programs for home owners be uncomplicated and manageable; hold conferences/training for the trades; generate community ambassadors; concentrate on heating and hot water; create a master gardener program and master energy conservation program; manufacturers (MEA) would welcome a presentation by Progress on what they can do. All of these things need to be done regardless of the need for a power plant.

Something dramatic needs to be created to raise the public's consciousness and change energy usage. The National Center for Sustainability Technologies at AB Tech wants to work with Progress.

New programs will be approved by the PUC and rolled out by Progress by January. What can the CEAC do between now and then? The CEAC can talk about the top projects at the August 8 meeting. It is important to look beyond present challenges to prepare industry and consumers.

An online survey combining the on priorities for the CEAC's response and discussion at the August meeting.