

Minutes for August 27. 2009 LRNow Public Policy Committee (PPC), submitted by Mary Picardi

Meeting Location: First Landing Fire Station

Meeting Start: Called to order at 6:35 by Mary Picardi

Attendees: Dan Creedon, Karen Forget, Ed Gibbs, Chris Ludford, Eileen Levandoski.  
Mary Picardi

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for July 23 were approved and accepted without change.

Legislative Contacts: Ed met with Bob Mathieson and Ron Villanueva, distributed materials and discussed LRNOW and storm water regs. Karen attended the Mayor's meeting with the current state delegates to discuss state issues. The primary issue of concern was transportation.

State Update: Karen updated us on the proposed storm water regulations which go to the Governor in Sept. to be signed. We will need to be vigilant during the legislative session to be sure the regs. are not "legislated around." Builders have concerns about cost and possible sprawl.

City Update: ACTION ITEM: The AIA sustainable cities team is coming back. On Sept. 14 they will hold a town hall and on the 16th will present a preview of their report. These sessions are at the Convention Center at 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Plan to attend and give input.

Green Ribbon Update: Karen elaborated on the many accomplishments and continued efforts of this very successful committee.

Forum Planning: Last minute details were discussed. We will need volunteers to cull and collate emailed questions on Mon., 9/21, before the forum. (Questions are to be in by 9120.) Mary volunteered, and she will bring index cards for use for the in-house questions. Kyra Solomon has volunteered to be our timekeeper. Helen will get the word out to the Pearl School teachers; Eileen, to the government teachers; Karen to a list of organizations. Karen can also email fliers for distribution.

Upcoming Events: Sierra Club is hosting three of the delegate candidates at their 9/2 meeting at the central library. The Mayor's Energy Task Force has invited Glenn Bessa of Sierra Club and Senator Frank Wagner to speak on offshore drilling at an open meeting at the Convention Center on Thurs., 9f3. PLAN TO ATTEND.

Next Meeting: The Candidate Forum on 9/23.