

MEETING NOTES

EAST TENNESSEE CLEAN FUELS COALITION 18th Stakeholders Meeting ~ October 9, 2003

Where: Sevierville Civic Center in downtown Sevierville

When: 11am to 1:30pm

Lunch: Provided by Ebus – from Damon’s. *Thanks Ebus!*

Attending (total of 34 people)

Don Ault – First Capitol Tram Tours

Ed Baldwin – Fun Buggies

John Mark Bardsfield – Hydrocore

Doug Blalock – Charles Blalock & Sons, Inc. ☼

Duke Blevins – Fun Buggies ☼

Bob Bowers – Wilbur Smith Associates

Ted Buel – GT Designs, Inc.

Bob Colby – ATTI & Chattanooga/Hamilton County Pollution Control Bureau

Steve Criscillis – McNelly-Whaley Ford ☼

Jim Dennison – City of Sevierville ☼

David Deputy – AmeriGas Propane

David Doane – Energy, Environment and Resources Center (EERC)

Mark Downing – ORNL/National Transportation Research Center (NTRC)

Danny Ellis – Sevier County Schools ☼

Bryon Fortner – City of Sevierville

Asher Freeman – Student, Interested Citizen

Teresa Guy – AmeriGas Propane

Michelle Henderson – Vision Consulting Association ☼

Curtis Henry – Sevier County School System ☼

John Hickam – City of Gatlinburg

Jerry Hickman – City of Sevierville

Jerry Isaacs – Pioneer Oil ☼

Dejim Lowe – TVA

Scott Marine – Pigeon Forge Trolleys

Tom McCrory – Interested Citizen ☼

Richard Molsbee – Plasma Gasification Consultants

Jonathan Overly – Ex. Dir., ETCFC

Buddy Parton – City of Gatlinburg

Mark Penland – TDEC, Knoxville Office

Brooke Sinclair – Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB)

Bob Stahlke – City of Sevierville

Kelly Vaughn – Knox County Air Quality Division

Evelyn Winther – Interested Citizen

Carla York – Ebus

Other participant information:

A total of 9 new people (☼) attending this meeting.

Thus far, a total of **133 different people** have participated in the 18 meetings, representing **69 different companies and organizations**.

Meeting Content

1. Called meeting to order ~11:10am.
2. Briefly described outline for the day and discussed the documents that were provided to the group (see the 14th Meeting Agenda on the Web site - www.etcfc.org under “Documents,” which includes a list of what information was handed out).
3. Noted the dates and locations for the next 6 months meetings – through April 2004 (see the agenda).

4. At this meeting, there was a first meeting of the Steering Committee (SC), with co-chairs from the Working Committees (WC) invited. **This meeting was brought together to discuss getting the SC more involved in coalition activities. The group in attendance decided to create a new committee, the Executive Committee (EC), which will be made up of the SC and WC co-chairs.** Their task will be to meet 1 hour before regular monthly meetings (at 10am) to discuss important coalition items and develop the agendas for the working committees discussions that day. We also decided to elect a treasurer and secretary for the Executive Committee; these were deemed necessary as Jonathan needs someone to oversee his accounting of coalition financials (treasurer), and a secretary can either be or find a scribe for general meeting notes and communicate with committee co-chairs to ensure that they create WC notes and either provide to Jonathan by the end of the meeting (scribble is OK!) or email to him within one week. Mark Downing offered himself and was selected as treasurer; the group voted that we'd like to see Jerry Sanders secretary, with his approval (being sought now-he was not in attendance). The Bylaws will be amended to show this information.
5. See agenda for the rest of the main information that was discussed that day.

Meeting Notes submitted by Jonathan Overly.

Working Committee Notes

AFVs & Infrastructure WC Notes

(received 10/16/03)

Attendees:

Don Ault – First Capitol Tram Tours
 Doug Blalock – Charles Blalock & Sons, Inc. ☼
 Bob Bowers – Wilbur Smith Associates
 Bob Colby – ATTI & Chattanooga/Hamilton County Pollution Control Bureau
 Jim Dennison – City of Sevierville ☼
 Danny Ellis – Sevier County Schools ☼
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- ▶ Reviewed a survey to be used in the metro Knoxville area to possibly put a van service of AFV's in place by KUB.
- ▶ Discussed the importance of getting industrial and governmental buy in on AFV's and required infrastructure, then focus on individual usage of AFV's for dedicated fuels once there is a presence created on a larger level.
- ▶ Each month the group will focus on one fuel type, to include suppliers of fuel and OEM's and infrastructure. The schedule is as follows:
 - November - Biodiesel
 - December - Ethanol
 - January - CNG
 - February - Propane
 - March - Electric
 - April - Hybrids - all fuel type combinations

AFVs & Infrastructure WC notes taken and submitted by Carla York.

Education & Marketing WC Notes

(received 10/9/03)

Attendees:

Ted Buel – GT Designs, Inc.

David Doane – Energy, Environment and Resources Center (EERC)

Mark Downing – ORNL/National Transportation Research Center (NTRC)

Danny Ellis – Sevier County Schools ☼

Teresa Guy – AmeriGas Propane

Michelle Henderson – Vision Consulting Association ☼

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- ▶ Each committee member needs to invite a fleet manager or other company (official) to a meeting – share the mission statement with them.
- ▶ Need new members, additional funding; Jonathan currently at 50% time, was at 100% time before.
- ▶ Place brochure rack in public places.
- ▶ We had ad in AAA Going Places; suggested CityView Magazine, MetroPulse.
- ▶ Have a celebrity drive a Fun Buggy, perhaps w/ magnetic Clean Cities (logos).
- ▶ Mark will work with Jerry on bumper stickers design.
- ▶ Suggestions will be made in prototype for next week.
- ▶ Newsletter – Jonathan will work on quarterly newsletter when returns from honeymoon.
- ▶ Membership includes a certificate for display.
- ▶ David knows non-profit to possibly print Clean Cities stickers for KUB/Knox County vehicles.
- ▶ Looking for community club contacts.
- ▶ Need parade participation for Gatlinburg Christmas parade...
- ▶ Does anyone know someone w/ lighted message sign that could put up message in off-times?
- ▶ Can we get educational materials to school students to educate future drivers?
- ▶ David has contacts at Ijams – check with Earth Flag Program.
- ▶ Perhaps we need a mascot for Clean Cities?
 - Billy Bob Biodiesel?
 - Peter Propane?
 - Big E (electric)?
- ▶ Mark didn't check on educational guide for K-12, but will bring info – has resources.
- ▶ Need to get brochures out to public.
- ▶ KUB is starting educational program for 8-14 year olds; perhaps we could ask KUB members?
- ▶ To do – contact fleet repair facilities; fleet sales by Mfg. Those are the places to put brochures.
- ▶ David will ask 1 week before meeting to see who we contacted so he can report.

Education & Marketing WC notes taken and submitted by Teresa Guy.

Hydrogen Economy WC Notes

(received 10/9/03)

Attendees:

Ed Baldwin – Fun Buggies

John Mark Bardsfield – Hydrocore

Duke Blevins – Fun Buggies ☼

Steve Criscillis – McNelly-Whaley Ford ☼

David Deputy – AmeriGas Propane

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- ▶ Discussion of national emissions standard; was discussed at Chattanooga Summit (Oct. 6-7, 2003). Lamar Alexander supports this cause under certain conditions; Bill First was evasive [JMB].
 - Could be self-supporting [DD] as was in Nashville; standards for emissions have to be grandfathered for year vehicle was manufactured. Emission standards are actually/technically the law – just not enforced.
 - Small step: mandatory tune-up? [RM?]
 - [JMB] tax break for tune-up / vouchers / loans for upgrades
 - [DD] Will draw up a proposal to give Lamar Alexander. Staggered implementation, especially for diesel fleets (most are exempt). For example, Cummins, Detroit Diesel.
- ▶ Bill: Phase I – mandate to states to bring vehicles to compliance w/ nat'l standards. [JMB] - Incentives toward biodiesel? Emerachem muffler works on diesel. [DD] – not safe bet for phase I. [RM] – we have to watch for NAFTA vehicles!
- ▶ Bill: Phase II – future date creating diesel testing that meets proposed standards for on-road vehicles. [JH] – politically, should stay away from farmers, etc., at first. [DD] – penalty phase – stair step each year to bring compliance
- ▶ Bill: Phase III – Incentives – Emerachem type muffler, etc.
- ▶ [JMB] meeting w/ TVA person; coal plants are paid off – (why coal use prevalent)
- ▶ [DD] grandfathered plants if not too much spent on repairs
- ▶ [JMB] 40% coal-fired sources cause pollution - Smokies (of that 40%, half is TVA's responsibility, other half is blown in and trapped)
- ▶ Eastman Chemical is now putting out 92% less pollutants.
- ▶ Infrastructure suggestion: early delivery of ultra-low sulfur diesel [this is an alt fuel!]; requested, signatures of ETCFC members of gov't; +2% biodiesel?

Hydrogen Economy WC notes taken and submitted by Evelyn Winther.