



Clean Cities Coalition

Minutes of January 20, 2010, Clean Cities Meeting

Committee Members Present

Marc Lappitt, Amphitheater Schools
Larry Boch, Auto Safety House
Tom Hartman, Canyon State Bus Sales
Stephen Polizzatto, Canyon State Bus Sales
Luis Felix, EDG Group
Sara Hummel-Rjaca, Gabrielle Gifford's Office
Gina Murphy- Darling, Miss Green Goes Mainstream
Johnthan Loeb, Ferrell Gas
Hal Burlingame, Green Fleets
Cotton Burlingame, Green Fleets
Mike Scott, The Prospecting Group
Kevin Falkner, Sun Tran
Keven Birck, Triad Lubrication LLC
Susan Gray, TEP
Tom Amparano, UA

Jurisdiction Representatives

Ernie Sanchez, City of Tucson

Staff

Colleen Crowninshield
Kathryn Van Kirk
Juliee Morrison

Public/Agencies

Melissa Black, So AZ Green Chamber of Commerce
John Brown, So AZ Green Chamber of Commerce
Marilyn Cluver, Long Realty /So AZ Green Chamber of Commerce

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Marc Lapitt at 3:02 p.m. and introductions were made.

2. In-Kind Form

In-kind form was routed among attendees.

3. Approval of Minutes of Nov. 18, 2009

Motion was made by Marc Lappitt to approve the minutes of Nov. 18, 2009, seconded by Larry Boch, and approved unanimously.

4. Introduction to new Clean Cities Coalition Member, Canyon State Bus Sales

Tom Hartman, Canyon State Bus Sales, provided an overview of the company to the Coalition. Canyon State Bus Sales is based out of Phoenix with sales representation by Stephen Polizzatto for the Tucson region. They are the authorized Bluebird dealer for the state

of AZ for school buses. Commercially, they represent Girardin and Diamond coach. The company would like to get more involved with the clean fuels and local school districts fleets. Bluebird has a Cummins diesel offering a much cleaner emission engine.

5. Presentation by John Brown, So. Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce

John Brown presented to the Coalition the vision and goals of the new Southern Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce. The Green Chamber of Commerce will work to enhance and improve the green business climate in southern Arizona by education and promoting sustainable practices to the general public, lobbying to enact legislation to encourage green practices and assisting business, organizations and individuals.

For more information and membership categories please check the Web site:

<http://www.sagcc.org/>

6. Staff updates, handouts and announcements

- a) New Members: Saguaro Level - Canyon States Bus Sales, Western States Petroleum.
- b) University of Arizona - Solar Racing Team Sponsorship – The solar race car has been racing every other year since 1991. Every two years the students redesign a new car. They chose to build a hybrid solar electric vehicle. The Challenge for Challenge race will take place in late March. If you are interested in sponsoring the solar team please contact Colleen at 792-1093.
- c) AFVI National Conference, May 9-12, 2010 - The conference is being held in Las Vegas. They are holding a fleet day and free passes may be available. Details to follow. This is the largest alternative fuel conference in the nation.
- d) Nissan North America – Two of the only electric charging stations in Arizona are being installed in Tucson. Nissan has announced that Tucson will be on its national tour. The LEAF will be brought to the five states that signed on the first official launch markets. The LEAF was in Tucson Dec. 30. The public event took place on Fourth Ave. at O'Malley's. The EV working group will be meeting sometime in late February. Details will follow.
- e) NGV America Biofuels Workshop; Thursday, February 25, 2010. Clean Cities will working in conjunction with the Clean Vehicle Education Foundation to host a natural gas conference and workshop. It will take place at the Marriott University. This workshop is part of the stimulus funding that was given to fuel organizations across the United States to do workshops on specific fuels, this one featuring natural gas. Attendees will be included from statewide entities.
- f) Coalition Social Networking outreach - Clean Cities Coalition is now set up on Facebook and is available on Twitter.

- g) Energy Independence Days – Feb. 28 - March 3 in Washington, D.C. During this time, Clean Cities coordinators will educate legislators about Clean Cities events during the year.
- h) U.S. Department of Energy Annual Report - Please submit your petroleum displacement number or alternative fuel numbers. U.S. Department of Energy has given us a goal of 17 percent increase in alternative fuel usage every year.
- i) Biodiesel Tax Credit update: Colleen provided an update on the biodiesel tax credit. The National Biodiesel board has announced that the biodiesel tax credit will be signed again and it will be retroactive. The local distributors should not be charging you more; most of the local biodiesel was purchased before that tax credit. The end of the first quarter is March and it will be retroactive.
- j) Meet & Greet at Bookmans for Driven to Sustain – Tyson and Chloe of Driven to Sustain, are driving cross country to break the Guinness Book of World Record for the farthest miles driven on an alternative fuel. The couple is 55 percent of the way there. They are using waste vegetable oil. Tyson and Chloe are going to school districts around the U.S. and Canada talking to students about sustainability. Tucson area students will listen to their presentation this week. In late April in Las Vegas they will be announcing their world record.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.