



**GO GREEN TEAM
MINUTES
YOUNTVILLE TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 6550 YOUNT STREET
October 27, 2015 – 4:30 P.M.**

1. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Sherry Breitigam, Janet Gotch, Billie Hewitt, Davio Santos, Allyssa Wickstrom, Vice Mayor Richard Hall
Absent: Town Council Member Marita Dorenbecher
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**
None
3. **APPROVAL OF MNUTES:** The minutes of September 22, 2015 were approved. M/S: Gotch/Hewitt. Ayes: All.
4. **SCHEDULED MATTERS**
 - A. Recommendation to participate in the Compact of Mayors, an international effort to enlist cities in an agreement to develop a climate action plan, set a reduction target and annually conduct a greenhouse gas inventory and climate risk assessment. Staff and team members discussed the benefits of joining the Compact of Mayors and the potential challenges, including converting data to the Compact of Mayors data reporting format and additional staff time that will be needed to meet the requirements. Team members supported the idea as long as participation was “doable” and didn’t require an excessive amount of staff time.

The team voted to recommend participation in the Compact of Mayors provided that staff and the Town Council agree that participation would not take resources away from climate action plan implementation efforts. M/S: Santos/Gotch. Ayes: All.
 - B. Presentation on Resilient Neighborhoods by Director Tamra Peters. Ms. Peters gave a presentation on Resilient Neighborhoods, a non-profit Marin County-based program that has worked with over 200 households to set and achieve personal GHG emissions reduction goals. In the program, five to seven households form eco teams that meet five times over tow months. Participants calculate their carbon footprint and then choose from a menu of action items to reduce their carbon footprint by at least 5,000 pounds (2.3 metric tons). Participants report back to the group, and Resilient Neighborhoods follows up with them one year after the program ends to verify actions have been implemented. The group also discussed Cool the Earth, a program that is geared toward educating elementary school children on climate change issues.
 - C. Discussion of sustainability and climate change education in Yountville Elementary with Principal Tara Bianchi and discussion of ways the Town may be able to work with the school to enhance educational and outreach activities. Ms. Bianchi was unable to attend the meeting so the item was not discussed. The consultant will try to reschedule Ms. Bianchi for the November or December meeting.
 - D. Discussion of draft local actions for the Waste chapter. The team reviewed the draft actions. No changes were proposed. Janet Gotch suggested adding a program to require or encourage automatic emergency gas shut-off valves.

5. **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS AND STAFF:** Richard Hall announced that a Yountville Sun reporter had contacted him about an article on the Go Green Team. The article may also run in the Napa Valley Register.
6. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. M/S: Wickstrom/Santos. Ayes: All.

Respectfully submitted,

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