

## DRAFT MINUTES

### PEACH POWER COMMITTEE 12/3/19

ATTENDING: Paxton, Wally, Thom B., Peaches\*, Bob1\*, George P.\*, Wayne O.\*, Shane\*, Michael H.\* (\*=via go to meeting)

#### BOARD REPORT:

Peaches updated the group on the Nov. board motions allocating solar/power and green ticket \$ to the peach power fund with an understanding that some of the \$ be set aside for eventual grid power installation to little wing area. Bob1 asked how much that will be. Not known at this time but Shane will come up with some numbers in the next month. It will be an EPUD transformer from main camp and will need to be trenched, not sure of the size yet. George will be happy to help and consult with Shane.

Ichabod approved by the board as a voting member of the committee.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Bob1 - Discussion of name of Committee and if it should be clarified.

Bob1 - Review electrical consumption increases

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Alice's video conference system is almost done being installed. Some dimmer switches and other small items still to be finished. Not everyone got a copy of Dean's report. Peaches will send to the group.

HUB - Michael has had a couple of call backs and we are in line for a couple of the busy electricians. Will continue to pursue licensed electricians for estimate on update the main electrical system.

Compost Facility - Thom B. gave a report and distributed a document that Peaches will send to the people on line. There will be an approx. 60x80 covered area. Thom wonders about any additional permitting burden that a solar roof might add. Bob1 - We are looking at a grid interconnect system under Or net metering laws and NOT a commercial solar farm so permitting should not be an issue. George will start a conversation with EPUD about net metering and size of system. Bob1 - what is the actual annual consumption at the winery property and will it be enough load to match the system? Shane will get the records for the last year but doesn't think it will be a lot because we have not been using the facilities on the property very much.

Carbon Neutrality Initiative update: Peaches gave a report about the progress and the groups negotiations with PSU Institute for Sustainable Solutions. Highlights that it will be a long term partnership with several phases, will use students as project managers and that the findings and study will be made public information for other festivals to use and for the public good.

Group decided to continue with New Business as there was meeting time left to do so.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion by the group about the history of the name “Peach Power” originating in energy park and meaning anything to do with solar power. Some confusion exists today as to what the committee’s purview is, as evidenced by the solar charging station being mislabeled as peach power on the event map this year. Paxton added that many years ago, Anna S. played a large part in helping the committee branch out into other areas of sustainability. Peaches will find and send the charter for the group and also get it on the committee link on the .net site. There was not a push by anyone to change the committee name but agreement that the mission needs to be clarified for ourselves and the larger family.

According to some preliminary research, it appears that the fair’s annual energy consumption has increased by greater than 200% in the last 7 years. Wally wonders if this is a “bump up” or a trend. Much discussion was had about why this may be. Shane reports that pirating of power especially during fair week is rampant and very hard to monitor and control. As the population ages, there are more needs and medical equipment, everyone has electronic devices that need charging, etc. Attempts to install monitoring devices and locks have been consistently dismantled. More outreach and education, buy in from the community is needed and is a long process. Bob1 volunteers to gather more data from our billing and meters and prefers the term “energy efficiency” to “conservation”. We will continue to strategize ways to educate and involve the family in why this is important and Peaches thinks that the Carbon Neutrality Initiative work will include this aspect heavily.

## HOMEWORK:

- Shane and George to start looking at needs and estimates regarding grid tie and transformer to Little Wing area.
- Peaches to forward copies of Dean’s report re: Alices’ and Thom’s Compost report document to the group
- George to start a conversation with EPUD about the net metering and the compost solar roof project in Jan. when he returns to the mainland.
- Peaches to forward committee charter to the group and submit to .net site to be published on committee link.
- Bob1 will continue gathering energy use data and past bills and will include the Lawrence st. facility.

NEXT MEETING; Tuesday January 7th, 6pm, OCF town office.