



Green Ribbon Committee
Meeting of October 2nd – 3pm – 5 pm
A Committee of the City of Nashville, Mayor Karl Dean
Dr. Randy Lowry, Mr. John Ingram, Co-Chairs
10/02/08: Summary

John Ingram called the meeting to order and welcomed Green Ribbon Committee members and Metro department representatives. Mr. Ingram introduced Ann J. Olsen, Senior Mediator with the Meridian Institute, who was attending to observe the meeting and process. He also described the services of the Meridian Institute as professional facilitators who have worked with other cities and organizations, both domestically and internationally, designing and facilitating collaborative processes, strategy assessments, and planning activities across a range of environmental quality areas.

Mayor Dean addressed the group and charged them with bringing back recommendations in a three-tiered approach:

1. Easier to implement “quick wins” that have little to no cost for Metro.
2. Programs or concepts which would require additional funds which can be submitted to council for programmatic and budgetary consideration in March for the 2010 budget cycle.
3. Longer term major projects that may require lengthy planning (and in some cases regional), extensive development and funding.

The Mayor again, also encouraged the group as they begin working in subcommittees to be bold and to continue collaborations between groups as each member has much to contribute beyond their focus areas.

Randy Lowry reviewed the timeline with the committee explaining that subcommittees would begin their work and be prepared to come back in January with 6 recommended “quick wins,” 6 recommendations that would require additional funds and 2 long-term projects. Dr. Lowry asked committee members to break out into their subcommittees and to begin by asking 3 questions:

1. What is the landscape that our subcommittee will work within?
2. What do we need to know and how will we get that information?
3. What is the timeline for our subcommittee to reach the goals set by the Mayor?

Dr. Lowry also gave an overview of the timeline and explained the significance of having recommendations for the Mayor in March so that programs requiring funding can be considered.

- October 2008: Phase 1: Collection of Information, Investigation and Research
- December 2008: Phase 2: Subcommittee Identifies Recommendations
- January 2009: Phase 3: Subcommittees report to full group on recommendations
- February 2009: Group meetings to prepare final recommendations
- March 2009: Initial recommendations to Mayor in 3 areas (quick wins, funding required, long-term major projects)
- NOTE: November 2008: Public Involvement Meetings



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Subcommittee Reports

Mobility:

Skip Lawrence provided an overview of the Mobility subcommittee discussion. The group is planning 4 meetings before the next full Green Ribbon Committee Meeting. Each member has been assigned research responsibilities and is planning to meet with Paul Ballard with MTA and Ed Cole with TDOT. The group is committed to using mass transportation to get to subcommittee meetings.

Public Involvement, Education & Outreach:

Gary Gaston provided comments. The Public Involvement subcommittee has a two tiered approach.

1. Public input meetings will be held in November. Details to be compiled and communicated to all Green Ribbon Committee members.
2. Each subcommittee was asked to provide a list of questions or subjects they would like input on to Tom Hardin at hassell3@gmail.com.
3. With over 1700 people completing the online survey there is a lot of interest from the public. This subcommittee also plans to work with the Mayor's Youth Council in coordinating education programs.

Energy & Building:

Decosta Jenkins summarized the discussion. The group plans to meet seven times before December. Tiffany Wilmot has already researched programs in other cities for the group to discuss and consider. Subcommittee members are considering one or two field trips possibly to Oak Ridge and another out of state. A representative from the Governor's Task Force on Energy will be invited to meet with and share what is being considered on the State level.

Natural Resources:

Alicia Batson shared discussion of the Natural Resources subcommittee. They have committed to meeting for 2 hours every week. Their plan is to research programs relevant to the Middle Tennessee Region, establish goals and to utilize Metro Departments.

Dr. Lowry asked each subcommittee to commit to writing up a weekly summary of their meeting and email it to Jenna so that it can be shared with all Green Ribbon Committee members.