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**Green Ribbon Committee**  
**Meeting of December 15, 2008 1:30 to 3:30 PM**  
A Committee of the City of Nashville, Mayor Karl Dean  
Dr. Randy Lowry, Mr. John Ingram, Co-Chairs  
**Meeting Summary**

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Jenna Smith opened the meeting and gave an update on:

- Online survey with over 1800 respondents.
- 5 public meetings held by the Public Involvement Subcommittee with approximately 300 people attending providing 900 recommendations on specific steps to make Nashville a greener city.
- EarthHour 2009, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30pm. Nashville was chosen as one of 6 flagship cities along with Chicago, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami and San Francisco.
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory led by NES and conducted by Gresham Smith and the Metro Public Health Department.
- Purpose of today's meeting: Several requests have been made by GRC members to provide further guidance on how subcommittees select which recommendations to send Mayor Dean. The revised guidelines to be discussed were compiled with input from Meridian Institute, GRC members and the co-chairs and will provide a basket of options for subcommittees to review for their recommendations.

Co-Chair Randy Lowry spoke on the upcoming January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting where subcommittees will present their recommendations. His vision for the meeting is to have the subcommittees present their recommendations and then have GRC members rate their level of enthusiasm using audience response technology. The meeting will be held in the Collaborative Learning Center at Lipscomb University. Details will be provided later but hopefully this will provide a relaxed collaborative environment.

Co-Chair John Ingram introduced Meridian Institute and representative Ann Olsen. John explained the role of Meridian Institute in assisting staff, subcommittees and co-chairs in developing recommendations and a theme for Nashville's story. There are 3 major areas that make up the scope of their work:

- **Process Support:** Strategic advice & assistance from developing guidelines to reviewing drafts of the report
- **Communications/Messaging:** Working with co-chairs to suggest external messaging which will support the work of the Committee and editorial approach for the Committee's report.
- **Resource Development/Locating Funds:** Draw upon their relationships with major foundations and federal government programs to assist in locating funds to implement priority Committee recommendations.

Ann Olsen from Meridian Institute presented a handout. The handout refined guidelines outlining the process for subcommittees to select which recommendations they will send Mayor Dean. The guidelines consider the Executive Order, Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, Metro department, citizen and expert recommendations, etc.

John Ingram reminded GRC members of Mayor Dean's call to be bold and to remember this process is a beginning and not an end.

Committee members then had general discussion for approximately 45 minutes.