

11/15/21 Jenkins E&E Planning Meeting 1

7-8:30pm

Present: Andrew Rudlang, Charles "Charlie" Hoffman, Erica Bjelland, BJ Allen

Erica introduced and we talked a little bit about what Energy & Environment planning is.

Went around and commented on why everyone is interested in Energy & Environment. Andrew is interested in Energy in particular. He owns 3 different assortments of solar panels odds and ends, gets a kick out of them, for camping and things like that. Fan of drinking clean water, has a shallow well, quite a few homes in Jenkins that are likely serviced by shallow wells. That topic comes up every now and then. Anything going on with grants, folks being involved in the City of Jenkins will get involved.

Charlie said he builds high efficiency homes, sits on the Council, big on safety and environmental aspects. Somewhat natural for him, thinks efficiency in construction, time and money, construction aspects of structures. He thought that Andrew and himself would be best suited from the Council for dealing with grant aspects and working with members of community.

Erica asked for input on how to get more community members to join the planning team meeting so we have at least 5 total. Charlie had a list of people who were sent an invitation. An invitation was extended to create a citizens in action committee, vet people who would be best suited to be part of the committee. Krista was gone last week and didn't get a chance to discuss with Krista where we were at with the invites, some business owners might be good. Have volunteers who want to help with punch list items around City Hall. The citizen who came to Charlie had a list of people who were interested in helping with that. Council position had to get filled first. At least with one person committed to volunteering, Charlie felt can probably get another 4 individuals.

Andrew wasn't sure other people would be Zoom-friendly. Some of the people we talked about might not be comfortable/savvy in getting online in this manner. Jenkins has the facilities to hold the meetings at City Hall. The team decided to have in-person for the next meetings.

7-8:30pm time works well. Evening time is good.

Erica introduced R5DC and what R5 does. Energy & Environment Planning Process is something of interest to regional residents. Just completed plans with Hackensack & Staples. Also talked about WealthWorks as a means of evaluation, looking at different types of wealth. Erica talked a little bit about funding.

Went through the survey question by question. Came up with some edits and great ideas.

Potable water, backup, well is right off 371, not winterized, but could be a good option for offering potable water for the City in the event of power outage. Discussed park shelters to be designed as storm shelter as well, they have some modular homes within 3-block radius of the park. Solar lighting for the City sign.

How do we promote the survey? Paper copy to them could work. Community event that they have is the Jenkins tree-lighting at the park, in December. Paper copies to give out at that, one of our only chances the entire year to see a group of the city in person, that's our shot. Fill them out right there, cook brats,

collect them right on site. Council members can push and collect! Can get a hand full and have an opportunity to collect them.

Also went through the JamBoard for Goals and Action Step ideas to brainstorm before the next meeting.

Future meetings switched to Tuesdays due to council meetings scheduled on Mondays.

Tuesday, 12/14/21

Tuesday, 1/18/22

Tuesday, 3/1/22

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