

Energy Committee Meeting. Oct. 12, 2021

Ben James asked for additions to the agenda. Discussion of energy audits was added.

No additions or corrections were made to the minutes for Sept. 14, 2021.

Barbara Grove will reserve a meeting room for November.

Ben reported on the success of the effort to have residents cut electrical usage from 4-6 pm on peak demand days. For both Crosslands and Kendal there was a drop in use as compared to past summers. The committee wants to send the message to residents that it is possible to make a difference in electrical demand. If demand is cut, the least efficient and most polluting generation of electricity is not needed.

George Alexander will report on a study he has started to analyze data from the PECO website at our next meeting.

Ben discussed the question of whether or not the energy committee should distribute a questionnaire about resident use of vehicles. He reported that the transportation committee chairman had shown no interest in the topic. It was agreed that the questions will be tested on a small group and then distributed to open boxes after any modifications are made.

Dick Haden reported on the activities of the Climate Resilience working Group. He met with the culinary committee to discuss the recommendation that residents eat less beef. It would be deemed significant if a 5% drop is observed.

The Climate Resilience committee recommends that the Kendal and Crosslands Energy committees ask the administration to arrange for residents to purchase LED bulbs at a reduced price. Steve Madsen said he would take this question to Roy Manno. Small mowers with electric engines are being considered.

Ben reported that SSAFE has applied for 501C status and has employed a one-half time staff person to work on the website, the data bases, and track projects on different campuses. Fund-raising projects are needed to support the \$30,000 budget. Next month he would like to discuss how to engage more people in SSAFE activities and financial support.

George Alexander discussed the need to ask the KCC board to endorse the concept of 50% carbon reduction by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050. In addition, the KCC board might consider a solar field project to celebrate Kendal's fiftieth anniversary in 2023.

In attendance: Ben James, Barbara Grove, Dick Haden, Spencer Ervin, Peter Lane, George Alexander, Steve Madsen.

- Does this comment belong in the minutes? "Energy audits give information about a unit's need for repair."