

**CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL SESSION**

The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 5:30 p.m. on May 8, 2012 in the Historic Federal Buildings, 350 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Present: Mayor Buol; Council Members Braig, Connors, Lynch, Resnick, Sutton (left at 6:24 p.m.); City Manager Van Milligen

Absent: Council Member Jones, City Attorney Lindahl

**WORKSESSION  
University of Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities Project**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Sustainable Dubuque Indicators**

Sustainable Dubuque Coordinator Cori Burbach introduced presenters Tim Christensen, Medora Kealy.

- A. Methodology
- B. Results: strengths, neutrals, weaknesses,
- C. Recommendations

**2. Renewable Energy Asset Mapping Project**

Vice President of Existing Business for Greater Dubuque Development Corporation Dan McDonald introduced presenters Nick Benson, Robin Fennig.

- A. Project Scope
- B. Building and urban-scale methodology
- C. Solar mapping (incoming solar radiation)
- D. Wind Mapping (parcel specific mapping)
- E. Ground source heat pump mapping (geothermal)
- F. Business Energy Demand; Sampling partnerships
- G. Return on Investment Procedure
- H. Interactive Map – renewable energy by parcel
- I. Renewable Energy Zoning and Historic Preservation Impact and Recommendations
- J. Access to Renewables
- K. Critical Facilities Policy Analysis

**3. Portrait of Poverty**

Vice President of Programs for the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque Eric Dregne introduced presenters Tom Gross, Rose Phillips.

- A. Project Statement: Obtain an understanding of poverty in the community  
Notable Research components
- B. SWOT Analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats)

- C. Recommendations: increase outreach efforts to attract low and moderate income civic leaders, make successful programs high funding priority, invest in key programs, expand Sustainable Dubuque services for low- and moderate-income residents

#### **4. Green and Healthy Homes Initiatives**

Vice President of Programs for the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque Eric Dregne introduced presenters Zach Panoff, Brian McDonough, Linnea Graffunder  
Project scope: Green and Healthy Homes Initiatives: remove lead, eliminate health and safety hazards, repair and rehab, and improve energy efficiency

- A. Project goals
- B. Fall 2011 recommendations
- C. Spring focus
- D. Methodology
- E. Priority Model (why, what, and how)
- F. Recommendations: identify subsets in need
- G. Renters and Landlords: recommendations

#### **5. Local Foods**

Dubuque County Extension and Outreach Program Manager Jason Neises introduced presenters Erik Sampson, Stephanie Lientz.

- A. Connect local food producers with Dubuque colleges and universities
- B. Project Deliverables:
- C. College and University Relationship Building: Foundation for institution-producer relationships: Networking events, goals, information sharing
- D. Marketing and Resource Materials; compilation of marketing messages
- E. Resource Map: “driftless” area processing facilities and resources
- F. Action Plan available on Dubuque Extension web site  
Guide to creating and implementing a local food program at a collegiate institution.
- G. Recommendations

City Council members had brief discussion with project team members following each presentation.

Ms. Burbach concluded by recognizing the partnerships and value of the recommendations and long-term action plans presented.

There being no further business, upon motion the City Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl  
City Clerk