

Meeting minutes from Solar Guild/Citizens for Solar (SG/CFS) meeting on August 5, 2014

Meeting was held at the Ward 6 offices, starting at 6:00PM and ending at 7:50 PM. There were (12) people in attendance.

Miscellaneous: A proposal was generated to vote Patrick Cobb to the Board of Directors owing to Patrick's dedication to the group, hard work in organizing the website and other on-line duties and keen interest shown; he was unanimously voted in. Jenny Sunshine from Valley of the Moon was in attendance for further information sharing. Two new people, Gail Sladky, who just moved to Tucson, Ted Springer from "Land with no Name" sculpture project and Bill Anderson introduced themselves.

Valley of the Moon (VOM) A thumbnail history of VOM: The site was built by one individual during the Depression for the entertainment of local children and families at a time when that part of town was way out there. It contains hand-dug caves, grottos, and whimsical structures built with a "wizards eye" to convey mystery and wonder. It is a stand-alone not-for-profit entity that stages special events, school tours and Halloween celebrations. Some recent additions include ferrocement creations from the old Magic Carpet putt-putt golf course which was located on east Speedway Blvd. for many years. The VOM is willing to host the Fall Pot-luck and is very interested in using the group's talents to do some solar lighting at the site. This could include lights in the parking lots, electrifying the sculptures and some of the attractions to enhance the experience. They are modernizing the string lights throughout the park, and are always looking for donations of LED white lights, and will need a lot! "Biglots" was mentioned as a source for lights. **Potluck event:** There should be (2) stand-alone (300+500W) systems, the GirlScout 3 panel DC system and the kinetic water system demo on site for the event. At meeting time, there is Desert Harvest, BICAS, TFS, Geoinnovation, Arizona Corporate Commission candidates and Robert Bulechek slated as exhibitors. There was talk of needing solar cooks for the event. At present we have 4-8', 2-6' and 2-6' folding tables, with the probability of renting chairs. People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. There was a motion to rent a U-Haul truck at \$19.99 + mileage for the day if necessary and was approved. Wandering style musicians (acoustic only) will entertain. **Small addendum to minutes to cover meeting on site at VOM on August 17, 2014:** 7 people attended. It was encouraged to walk the neighborhood before the event to alert, invite and involve local people to come to the solar potluck. This should include Karen Ulich, the local representative and the neighborhood associations nearby. All music has been lined up by the music agent. Lighting was discussed; sloped roof building, fountain, pathways, "wizard's tower" to be included in strand lighting depending on light string donations. Long term parking (whole day of event) will be the far back lot. The location of the labyrinth will be on the lawn, with enough room for all the solar cookers expected. A misting system might be installed on the metal ramada, which will be used for food prep, lectures, general organizing. Vendors will be arrayed in open areas around the ramada, along with vending of water, soda/tea, Jeep ticket sales which benefit SG/CFS. A donation box will be set up for VOM.

GoodWill: The entire GoodWill training program wants to expand to 3 months, with continuing education through the Pima Community College courses. Present needs: disassembly of stand alone system built at first class for the next class to re-build will take place on August 12, between 9-4, Pat Murray and Jack Langley will cover this. Need to scrounge wire, conduit for second class-conduit will be donated by Charles Wacker and Jack Langley. Will use the Girl Scout stand-alone as an example. The powerpoint presentation should be ready by the second class start. Management of the class (herding cats syndrome) needs to be monitored better to keep students engaged and not wander off by having small rotating groups. This will include engaging the staff more in the project, (2 staff want to teach class!).

Miscellaneous II: Projects! Ted Springer, The Land with No Name Sanctuary for Homeless Sculpture outlined his project on a piece of property about an hour SW of Tucson. He envisions a retreat, camping, lectures and classes in a beautiful, remote setting with as little of a "footprint" on the land as possible. He has a bunch of solar supplies gleaned for various sources and would like help putting something together that would include lighting specific sculptures, structures, (presently a shipping container on-site) and possibly a portable stand-alone system similar to what was built for GoodWill. He has an assortment of tools, a generator, and all the sun a person could want. He is P/T in Tucson presently. **Biosphere II:** There is a new contact person there: John Adams, 520.838.6155. A treasurer's report was generated dated January 1-July 28, 2014, details are available

through the Solar Guild website.

Respectfully submitted,

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