



January 12, 2013 CAGP Meeting Minutes

Attending: Charlie Williamson, Ken Davies, Travis Cagle, Luis Rodriguez, Mike Przykucki, Sabrena Gray, James Walker, Antoine James, Shawn McDowell, Aldona Zembowicz, Stefania Przystanski, Michael Zytkow, Nick Triplett, Kathryn Koppers, Alan Burns, Len Clemmer, Katie Sloan, Justin Miller, Beth Henry, Ron Robatsky, Kiran Uppalapati, Mai Ada Capano, Craig Glisson

-Treasurers Report: Nick reported a balance of \$320 in the checking account.

-Alan discusses the goal of attaining the ~90K signatures required for ballot access. Group discusses coordination and strategy for concurrent signature gathering with a potential Michael Z. city council campaign. Alan indicates that signature sheets should be sent to him and he will forward to Mecklenburg BOE. Signature gatherers should put their names on the top of the sheets that they fill. The MLK Parade is discussed as an event for signature gathering. Nick will send out an email assessing interest.

-Michael Z. indicates that an independent candidate interested in running in the district 4 city council race would need between 3000-6000 signatures for ballot access. The deadline for those signatures would be Sept 20/21 2013. Group discusses coordination and strategy for concurrent signature gathering.

-Alan introduces the idea of presenting regularly at city council/county commission meetings as a method for 1) drawing attention to Green issues and 2) boosting our credibility as an issue advocacy group, both of which will increase activism and interest in the CAGP. Alan asks that in the future members bring potential issues for presentation to monthly CAGP meetings.

-Alan introduces Move to Amend, a movement intended to combat the consequences of "Citizen's United" campaign finance case and to remove the untoward influence of money in American politics through a constitutional amendment. Alan indicates that a city as large as Charlotte should have a robust and active chapter, the goal of which would be to work toward the passage of a resolution at the local (and eventually the state) level and to bring attention to the issues raised by "Citizen's United." The group discusses the historical improbability of a politically-oriented city council resolution. County Commission and other local municipal legislative bodies are mentioned as alternatives.

-Justin and Beth discuss the efforts to challenge Duke Energy's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which forces taxpayers to fund dirty energy and intentionally pursues energy sources that will increase the burden of rates on the public to the exclusion of energy sources that are less expensive and more sustainable. Dates:

- People's Hearing (if denied a local hearing by the commission) - Feb 6

- Training(s): How to Make a Public Statement to the Utilities Commission - 1/26 @ 10 (Action NC offices, 1/30 @ 6:30 (Area 15)

- NC Utilities Commission Hearing on Duke Energy IRP - 2/11 in Raleigh

-Alan introduces social media as an option for party communication and coordination. Nick and Katie agree

to work together to create a CAGP Facebook and Twitter page and to integrate these resources into the CAGP website.

-Michael Z. encourages those present to consider the Civics 101 series sponsored by the League of Women Voters.-Group discusses the need to 1) print new fliers and 2) print new t-shirts. Union operated Consolidated Press

and TS Designs (respectively) are indicated as the preferred vendors for the projects. Nick will get a quote from Consolidated for the next meeting, at which time the group will discuss the t-shirt expense in light of our efforts to avoid spending more than \$500 per year in party expenses.

-Next meeting was set for Feb 9 from 2 PM to 4 PM at Wedgewood Church. Nick and Ron will coordinate the use of this facility.