

WELL CoCom Minutes of Jan. 11, 2016

Attendees: CC members Madge, Tim, Paul, Kristin, and Laura; Plus Carol Hughes and Beth. Facilitator - Tim; Notes - Madge

1. Minutes of Dec. 7 are approved. Question raised about the \$2,000 investment in the DPO; clarified it is \$1,000 from PIF, \$1,000 from WELL funds.
2. Budget Change: Because of receiving a \$500 added donation at end of December, we approved revising our budget for 2016 to add \$100 to donations and \$100 to potential grants (as shown in newsletter).
3. 'Saving Land for Food' event: We discussed broadening the topic to 'Farm Transitional Planning' and perhaps include Food Hub and Farm School updates, seeking co-sponsorship (and co-organizers) with Grange, NCO, and possibly others (FFA, 4H, Farm Bureau?). First step: Beth & Madge to propose co-sponsorship with Grange at their Thurs. meeting.
4. Local Investing Event Jan. 24: Several will help with posters; PR is going to papers, radio, email lists, tabling at Farmers Market, etc. Carol will bring a food item; Madge will bring crackers & dip, fruit, and tea urn; Paul will bring tea.
5. Grist Mill-Outlet Creek: After discussion, we approved opposing the Grist Mill operation, noting it should not have been "grandfathered" in, and not allowed to pollute air, water for wildlife & residents. Madge will draft letter for CC review; to be presented to the Air Quality hearing on Jan. 29.
6. Water & Energy Conservation Tour: Laura, Paul & Kristin volunteer to co-lead and begin contacts for this, with date TBD (maybe June?). Ideas include REDI, Lucky Monkey Ranch, Annie & RJ, new Hospital, Drip Works, solar folks.
7. Other Future Programs: Paul will invite Emily Rose, a Redwood Valley resident with a degree in sustainable economies, to discuss ideas with us at next CoCom. Other ideas to revisit: a skills co-op or other ways to attract & know of local sources for needed services (e.g. plumbing, heater repair, shoe repair, etc.); survey of local business for services & supplies needed, maybe with C of C (perhaps invite Lisa to a future CoCom); offer WELL scholarships...
8. Website Update: Especially important to keep event lists looking fairly current; Madge will send listings in text files for Paul. Eventually, it would be nice to also add more recent info to Topics as time permits.
9. Member Renewals: If Kimbal isn't available to hand-write the letter, Madge will ask either Mary Z. or Laura to do it. Then we set a mailing party for Jan. 18th, 1pm. Madge, Laura, and Carol (possibly Kimbal and others) will help.
10. Outreach/Publicity: Defer to next meeting.
11. Next Meeting, Feb. 8, Paul will send notices & facilitate.