

South End NRZ Zoom Minutes
Oct 8th, 2024

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Present: **12 Participants**

The meeting began at 6:30 pm

Luke Daniel who is working with Dr. Mark Mitchell to create an Environmental Justice Organization in Stamford gave a presentation on Environmental Justice, Climate & Transportation. The goal is to bring together all community groups to focus on combating environmental injustice issues relating to climate and transportation.

Sue Halpern mentioned that the Board of Representatives voted on spending a million dollars on electric vehicle charging stations, 10 in the government center and 3 in one of the city parking garages. This seems like a lot of money for 13 charging stations.

Luke responded that renewable energy is very expensive on the 1st install but over time the consumers would be spending less than the use of a gas vehicle.

Terry Adams also responded to Sue's inquiry stating that if the money is from a grant, then if Stamford don't accept the money and do what they need to do then another city would.

Chanta Graham - District 3 Board of Representative stated that she voted yes for the charging stations because the city already purchased electric vehicles, but they don't have the charging stations for the mass administration of the electric vehicles.

John Wooten emphasized that the estimated cost of \$2000.00 to place a charger in every household would change since most of the houses are 100 amp. Although Connecticut Light and Power will reimburse the homeowner for part of the money and pay for the charger, the homeowner still must upgrade their system, and a lot of people don't have the money which is a lot more than \$2000.00.

John asked Luke about public information for the safe use of electric bikes and scooters since they're everywhere i.e. (how to signal, as well as other safety features)?

Luke answered that he is not sure about a state program to educate, and he doesn't know if most of the companies are private. Luke mentioned he would have to do more research on public safety for electric scooters and electric bikes that are unlicensed.

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Sue Halpern asked about the 69,000 grant from the EPA for air monitoring and she also understood that DEEP has an air monitoring vehicle?

Doris Johnson advised that the \$69,000 grant was sent to the City of Stamford for implementation so Sue would need to talk to someone with the City of Stamford. Doris also advised there are 10 Purple monitors in Stamford, 2 in the South End, one at Waterside School, and one at the Firehouse, these areas don't really have a lot of truck traffic. Doris will check with the staff in the Air Bureau to find out what monitors are already existing in Stamford and is it feasible for the monitors to remain where they are, or if not then they can be removed.

Terry Adams answered the city does have an air monitoring vehicle and inquired where would the community like for it to be placed.

John Wooten announced they were hosting a free informational seminar about Medicare Insurance at the Hudson Table on 44 John Street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm