

Minutes of the Meeting of the Nelson Sustainability Group, 9/10/15

Present: Barbara Voymas, Barbara Fraser, Deke Conclin, Max Nunnemaker, Michael Iselin, Maury Collins, Dave Upton.

Guest: David Voymas

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:15 pm after all attending members had arrived.

Dave U. introduced the question of how do we go forward with providing information to the community about the importance of preparing for the effects of Peak Oil and Climate Change.

David V. spoke about his background and his radical approach to simplicity as a way of life. He stated that he was disappointed in the things that people listed as NEEDS during his first presentation and well as being disappointed as a result of the poor turnout for his second presentation. He outlined the content of his third presentation entitled “Sustainability and Spirituality” relating the story of the Garden of Eden and the ethical dilemma of the choices that man is faced with. “Does just because we can do something mean that we should do it, assuming that if anything does wrong we can correct our mistake?” He asked the Group if they wished that he continue to make another presentation to the community and if they wished that he repeat his second presentation or go on with the third. He then left the meeting to allow the Group to discuss his question.

The Group agreed that we would like to have David V. continue his presentations and that we would ask him to do a repeat of his second presentation, “Sustainability and Stewardship”. If David agrees to do so, we will attempt to improve our advertising in order to get more people to attend this time.

The motion by Barbara Fraser, seconded by Michael Iselin at the Minutes of the Meetings of 8/4 and 8/19 be accepted as presented was approved by unanimous consent.

The Group began a general discussion of how to engage more community members in our efforts. All agreed that we should all be able to relate our Mission Statement and why we personally believe that “we have become completely reliant on the utterly unreliable” demonstrating why we must work to develop a Plan B.

Barbara F., Deke and Maury left the meeting at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting of the Nelson Sustainability Group is scheduled for September 24 at 7 pm in the Meeting Room under the Library. The topic of this meeting will be continued planning for the presentation of informational programs to the community and the development of a budget for that purpose.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Upton