

## Notes from Redwood City World Café on Climate Change, 2010

### Banner

- I. What Gives You **HOPE**?
  - a. Let's focus on what **we** do – not others!
  - b. The Green Academy
  - c. The Verde Ambassadors
  - d. Kids and youth teaching parents!
  - e. The Garden Group
  - f. Recycled water
- II. What **ELSE** Is Possible?
  - a. Solar power
    - i. On school roofs
    - ii. Everywhere
    - iii. Visible
  - b. Merchants close doors – to save energy
  - c. Motion detectors on commercial buildings
    - i. Turn off lights at night
  - d. Bring back school buses (incentives for using it)
  - e. Block parties
    - i. Recycling education
    - ii. Shared gardening
  - f. Environmental education in schools
    - i. Cooking with organic food
  - g. Field trips to the dump!
  - h. More **safe** bike routes
  - i. Walk-to-School Programs
  - j. Funding outdoor education
  - k. Develop on used land for green space
    - i. Wildlife protected
    - ii. Community and school gardens
  - l. Landlords being responsible
    - i. Better in recycling
    - ii. Energy-wise appliances
  - m. Walkable community
- n. All stores have smaller and greener packaging
- o. More water fountains not water bottles
- p. Who **ELSE** needs to be at this table!
  - i. Who is missing?
  - ii. Businesses
  - iii. Government

### III. Programs

- a. City Trees
- b. Sierra Club
  - i. Community education
  - ii. Letter writing
  - iii. Mobilizing people
  - iv. 2pm Aug. 7 – Film “End of Suburbia”
- c. Gogo Verde
  - i. Website!
  - ii. We make it happen!
  - iii. Connect neighbors to neighbors
  - iv. Community calendar
  - v. Meet your neighbors!
  - vi. We are ... about community building
  - vii. Digital front porch
- d. Green at Home [green@home]
  - i. Save water!
  - ii. Save energy!
  - iii. Grow your veggies!
  - iv. Training volunteers
  - v. Have reduced carbon footprints to the tune of 820K CO<sub>2</sub> lbs a year!
    1. Same as 70 cars on the street each year.
  - vi. Educate community members

## Other Notes

- Solar powered parking meters
- Education about water conservation & gardening
- What city is doing?
- Powering down appliances > automatic shutoffs?
- Caltrain shuttle – don't need to drive
- Cupertino has sustainability
- Startup composting
- More bike paths more secure locks
- Reduce: loaning stuff borrow

### Goals:

- Walk able communities
- Ban Styrofoam
- Biodegradable products
- Byo products
- No Cargill development

### Give hope?

- Recycled water
- Redwood Shores Levee Clean up
- Broadway: garbage collection for recycling
- Farmers Markets local groceries

### What would make you hopeful?

- Having these meetings
- Making more school gardens at various schools
- Higher levees
- Restore the wet lands on the bay front
- Farmer's market/ community garden
- More frequent mass transit
- Learn how to win/win perspective
- Party of national unity around cc, to shift political
- Solar panels on every roof
- Electric car stations
- Kyoto protocol like policy
- Environmental education in public schools yielding cooking
- Green merchants,
- Dine incentives
- Keeps doors of stress closed
- Let thermostats @ one level
- Be more like friendly = electric vehicles better intergraded public transportation system

People are aware, city above leadership offer incentives

Young children are interested in getting involved,

Questions, hope, possibilities

- Rest/ groceries, offer something alternative to plastic and Styrofoam
- Required school environment education, not just after school clubs
- Insurance liability waived to open school gardens to more parents and the community
- Bike lanes, bike ability
- More outreach to apartment tenants, owners to set up recycling and make it easier to retrofit marketing energy/water efficiency improvements
- Don't allow Cargill to build
- Solar farms
- More garden, nutrition, home etc. Education
- Green fair to promote ideas to teens
- Bring business to the table
- More walking in rwc to downtown events
- Free toilet program, huge success, small incentives
- Much more interest in what people eat
- Locally grown and organic
- Less lawn – more gardens, natives, edibles
- Verde youth! – very cool, the gardens they are putting in at local public schools
- Woodside – josh Rueben's, gardens need advocates
- Self initiation
- Business reaching out to educate
- Community lingso
- Slower, safer traffic from smaller streets
- This world café is way cool, 80 PEOPLE
- Rwc is reaching out to community
- Personal and community value
- The kids seem to get it, kids teaching parents
- Condensed efficient house is key
- 4th/5th grade water kit

### What else can we do?

- Get creative
- Awareness in how we waste
- Denser City of Redwood City everything close by
- Stop societies harmful norms – we don't need to own what we rarely use
- THINK!

- We are more recycle friendly
- Get youth more involved
- Start early, get outside, do more events
- Gardens more – share crops, urban gardens
- Baby steps
- Gogo Verde blogger – MAKE IT!

- Transportation
- Education
- Bicycle

#### Possibilities

- Energy Audits
- Toilet replacement
- Ambassador outgrowth
- Water relocation: programmable
- Educate people
- Bikes
- Zip cars
- City Trees
- Picture: Tom and Trees
- More Verde
- Urban forestry
- Plant trees
- 2.5K trees
- Get the kids
- Picture
- Bike
- Car
- Verde
- Compost

#### Round #2

- Use Public Transportation
- Ride Bicycles
- Shop at Farmer's Market
- Have your own garden in your backyard
- Have shuttle buses
- Water your lawn in the morning
- To recycle
- Shower timer
- Capture the energy of the wind

#### Round #3

- Re-use water to water plants (from taking a shower, washer)
- RE-USE
- Hybrid
- Smart parking meters
- Impound building codes
- Food waste composting
- Water conservation
- Good public transportation Caltrain
- Verde Ambassadors
- Walkable neighborhoods
  - More trees
  - Wider sidewalks
- Urban agriculture
- Neighborhood sharing
- Not develop the salt ponds
- Plant exchange
- Elementary school roofs used for solar
- [Verde]

#### How can we engage ourselves to encourage right action on the issue

- Collective
- Get involved in the eco club at my school and really try to get our school to have more green things going on
- Walking more/ put solar panels on our house!
- GoGo Verde website
- Bike share program
- Low Flow Toilets
- Use recycled water more
- Using tech we have now more efficiently
- More leadership
- Walk/bike school
- Teach students how to be green and sustainable
- More streets that are safely bike accessible
- Turn off lights
- Is inspired to work with more youth
- Outreach
- Change school lunch policies

#### What would you like?

- Everything needs to change
- Transportation
- Cheaper
- Mass
- Bicycle
- Education
- Government

- Pictures: Buildings with lights on and smoke, streets with cars, hot earth, outreach, school, youth

- Green business programs

#### More:

- Assistance for energy efficiency for residents
- Green buildings, green roofs
- Walkable transit oriented, not more cars
- Reusing stuff instead of buying and owning
- More pressure for cities, more input that gets transformed into action
- Educating drivers on looking out for bikes (safer, more integrated bike lanes)
- Tax breaks for green businesses attract + of them in the city
- Redwood Shores, opportunity to develop a "green village"!
- Helps w/e health greening chance from the youth up,
- Teach children, bike seat belts
- Healthy eating + walking/biking + walking buses
- Solar panels – paid by property taxes
- Outreach, Verde youth, green academy, garden
- Compost at school
- Teach younger kids
- What else is possible every audits for business and home
- Count toilets, replacement program
- Small garden program like-sf
- Native planting – sf – water hogs + lawns
- Water responsibilities – evenings – watering in winter
- Sharing info – water bill, repeat info-
- Buy energy star
- MORE WALKABLE COMMUNITY
- Better bike paths
- Shuttles us giant buses
- Do last mile connections – protections
- Zip cars
- Community campaign against plastic
- Community tours- recycling center, water treatment plant
- Green marketing program, like green gardeners,
- Group lobby state+feds are solar
- Efficient washing machine rebates
- One stop to have all info are all
- Sustainability programs/rebates
- Now also people in sustainability are educated! New consciousness emerged

#### What Gives You Hope?

- The fact that we are here
- Programs like the Youth Ambassadors
- All the various/tons of organizations that are working together for the movement
- The commitment of the Green@Home volunteers that take their time to get involved in the training and go out there to help their communities
- RWC – vision to make a more desirable place to be in – building community – etc.
- People's vision – Ed City Manager
- Diversity
- Great that RWC has a full time sustainability lead
- Water Conservation education in RWC.
- Residential composting
- Green@Home
- Gogo Verde – Online

Like Ebay for community will get email for membership

Cool the earth.org school/kids talk w/ Connie Re: Volunteer Organizer

Sierra Club – Movie Aug. 7 2-5pm Red Morton + Hike after (4pm)

#### Round #1

- Green waste pick up compost, etc...
- City development
- World Café event
- Rebates
- Educational Campaigns/Green Gardeners
- Solar Panel parking meters
- Hybrid Cars
- Water conservation education
- Composting
- Verde youth!
- Community involvement
- Recycling/New composting
- Green@Home, Acterra, GoGoVerde

Conservation is cheaper than consumerism

Our capitalism system encourages consumerism

8/14 Fruit tree pruning

8/7 End of Suburbia 2-5 Red Morton

We can work together!

- City
- Verde Program
- Sierra Club
- Acterra
- Citizen groups
- Cool Cities
- Sustainable RWC
- Outreach
- Verde Youth Ambassador
- Green@Home

#### PERSONAL CALL TO ACTION

- Organize a block party!
- Get more involved in my school –beyond community garden
- Safe emergency preparedness should be combined with green power
- Grey water systems built
- Cut down on meat (Picture: Cow “Thank you for not eating me!”)
- Earth on the square – community event (Picture: Even with people and a sign “Learn To Be Green Fair”)

What are you inspired to do?

- Community gardens
- Biking more
- Educate my peers
- Compost
- Promote block parties re: recycling
- Community gardens
- Educate re: gardens in pots
- Organize neighborhood around harvest sharing

Other ideas

- Bike paths and/or bike trails so cyclist feel and ARE safe
- Credits for renewable energy
- No throwaways in grocery store
- Ban plastic bags
- Minimum packages

- Restaurants use compostable containers (“doggie bags”)
- Given all – What is possible – actions beyond what is been done by RWC what can we do collectively?
- Education - awareness about the environment – Mobilizing
- Zip Cars
- Restaurant – Incentives when walking to restaurants
- More community gardens – open land
- Better environments for walking and biking – beautification – creating paths for neighborhood – to destinations – more people are gathering
- Community building
- Innovation
- More/Block Parties
- More recycled water usage
- Not separated: garbage; h2O; energy;
- No separate flyers, no separate websites
- Behavior change people see establishment for convenience, better bike routes and driver Ed.

#### POSSIBILITIES:

- Zip car location in RWC
- Wall on bike to restaurants free drinks
- More electric cars
- Community gardens
- In the hetch hetchy and other land
- Creativity – walking
- And biking environment
- RWC – doing things
- Green initiatives
- Verde is so great
- Hetch hetchy planted as community public gardens
- Verde ambassadors youth are very “green”
- Gardens in front yard
- Yard waste programs
- Composting at home

What else is possible/compelled to do

- Maribel – Start garden in back yard
- Diane – reducing plastic bag à no plastics
- Josh – block party for sustainability know neighbor’s bbq
- Cindy – composting gogo cool the earth
- Green waste pickups

- Momentum around changes
- Events like this
- Bike program
- City climate change plan
- Financial incentive to replace appliances / hot water heater
- Initiative that San Francisco is taking around climate change.
- USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, RIDE BIKE
- How do we train young people to?
- TOM: City trees, citytrees.org
- 2000
- 72 trees
- 2000 vols.
- COOL THE EARTH:
- Actions:
  - -Coupons for kids
  - Ed Edwards (digital front porch)
- Go Go Verde
- “w/o community there’s no sustainability”
- Calendar – Announcing Green @ Home Volunteers
- Sample neighborhood
- 820,000 lbs CO2
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