



“Take Part in Your Future: Mayor’s Sustainability Symposium” July 31 – August 1

Mayor Mary Verner and the Mayor’s Sustainability Task Force invite you to join them for a two-day Sustainability Symposium. Guest speakers will present on the implications of energy security and climate change, and you will have multiple opportunities to learn more about the work being done by the Task Force and the four supporting work groups.

Thursday afternoon’s panel discussion on energy and climate, Thursday evening’s keynote speaker, and the Mayor’s Sustainability Roundtable Friday morning are targeted to a general audience. Other sessions on Thursday and Friday afternoon are designed as opportunities for the work groups to compare notes with each other and report to the Task Force, but everyone is welcome to attend and observe those sessions. All events listed here are free and open to the public.

Thursday, July 31st

- **Noon – 2:30 p.m.:** **Panel discussion** concerning the local impacts of energy security and climate change. Panelists are **John Kaufmann** (Senior Policy Analyst with the Oregon Dept. of Energy, and lead staff to Portland’s Peak Oil Task Force) and **Dr. Robert Quinn** (climate science professor at EWU). In the Council Chambers, lower level of City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd..
- **3:00 – 5:00 p.m.:** Conversation between Dr. Phil Mote, members of the Mayor’s Sustainability Task Force, and co-leads for the four work groups supporting the Task Force. On the 5th floor of City Hall, in conference room 5A. Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe.
- **7:00 – 9:00 p.m.:** **Keynote speaker Dr. Phil Mote**, Washington State Climatologist, will speak on global climate change. He’s a member of the University of WA’s Climate Impacts Group as well as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In the Council Chambers, lower level of City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Friday, August 1st

- **7:30 – 9:00 a.m.:** **Mayor’s Sustainability Roundtable**, featuring Mayor Mary Verner and key staff related to sustainability. This is an opportunity for everyone to learn more about what the City of Spokane government is currently doing to address energy security and climate change. In the Council Chambers, lower level of City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.
- **1:00 – 5:00 p.m.:** Work groups report to each other and to members of the Mayor’s Sustainability Task Force on their recommendations so far regarding steps that City government can take to address energy security and climate mitigation. Task Force and work group members will then discuss what they’ve heard during the afternoon and Mayor’s Sustainability Coordinator Susanne Croft will wrap up with a review of next steps. At the Liberty Building, n.w. corner of Main and Washington, on the second floor above Auntie’s Bookstore. Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe.