

MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY MEETING AND GREEN TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 - 7:30 pm – Community Center

Staff liaison: Luisa Robles. Members present: Matt Dirksen, Susan Barnett, Eva Fallon, Josh Berard, Jeannie Iacovazzi, Josh Hamlin

Excused absences: Kehinde Odebo, Steve Skolnik, Maggie Cahalan, Michael Hartman, John Lippert

Absences: Kathleen Shaw, Kim Knox

Visitors: Everett Bradford – from Prince George’s County Department of the Environment. Also Bill Orleans, Jane Young, Ben Fishler, Beth LeaMond

Call to order Green Team and Green ACES Meeting

1. Everett Bradford. Works with Adam Ortiz at the County, here to observe our meeting. Welcome Everett!

2. Updates from Green Team Circles
 - 1.1 Solar – Steve Skolnik gave a presentation to Council which got the ball rolling in seriously considering installing solar panels on some of the City buildings and on the Mandan Road site.
 - 1.2 Zero Waste – LDF (below) and Schrom Hills Fall Fest.
 - 1.3 Greenbelt Time Bank. Next orientation – October 3, 10:00 am -12:00 noon at Springhill Lake Rec Center Computer Lab – Carolina and Luisa.
 - 1.4 Sustainable Landcare. Susan shared: Virtual coffee talk on September 8 on pesticide impacts on the Chesapeake food-shed.
 - 1.5 Stream/Stormwater Restoration. Ben shared, Kim has been working hard with GHI, PG money admin by CBT. Going for another grant with nifwif? (Peter May).
 - 1.6 Sustainability Pathways – butterfly gardens, rain gardens, corridors for pollinators, watershed best management practices – Susan Barnett. Susan and Beth talked to GHI about having more milkweed plantings (for monarchs) and other butterfly friendly plantings. Pollinator pathway through the City. Mapping with GIS. Private/public partnership – city gardens, private residents, businesses, GHI, etc. Also mapping other BMPs. LDP pollinator parade. Collector app for phone to help us collect this information. A conversation ensued about respecting residents’ privacy when mapping pollinator gardens, rain gardens, rain barrels, etc. It was agreed that anything one could see on Google maps would be permissible for us as well. Some people would feel more comfortable knocking on people’s doors to explain the purpose of this task and to ask permission.

3. Labor Day Festival
Who wants to volunteer at the festival? Signup Genius:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caba929a2fd0-greening2>

Jane requested coupons from vendors in East and West Greenbelt and asked to bring their value packs to her house or let her know.

September 1, training. All members are welcome to attend.

Games – throw game, time line, finger thing, scavenger hunt

Water Works – also scavenger hunt. 4 merchants, plus water fountains.

Staffing bins – trash/recycling and trash/recycling/compost

Holding signs – walk around

4. Backyard Composting Update. We have 40 Compost bins ready to be distributed. The Public Works booth will have one on display at the Labor Day Festival.

5. Sharing of information

Bill Orleans – encouraged members to pick up a packet to be a council member.

Eva Fallon – shared the legal league project MakerSpace is working with. Theme, research project – Trash track. How do we create and manage trash. Talking to people is part of the project. Robot competition.

Parade – Green transportation, electric vehicles, hybrid. Everett might be able to get someone from the County to participate.

Saturday Sept 12 Community Shredding event 8-11 PG Community College Parking lot

B. Service hours granted to volunteer.

Sept 18-28 electronics recycling at MOMs

Sept 19-20 Mother Earth News in DC tickets needed.

Arc GIS workshop Everett will send info for the next workshop.

6. Adjournment: 9:00 pm