

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

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 - 7:30 pm – Community Center

Staff liaison: Luisa Robles. Members present: John Lippert, John Berard, Josh Hamlin, Maggie Cahalan, Matt Dirksen, Michael Hartman, Kehinde Odebo (7:55 pm), Kathleen Shaw (8:10 pm), Kim Knox (8:35 pm).

Green Team members: Susan Barnett.

Excused absences: Jeannie Iacovazzi, Eva Fallon, Steve Skolnik, Konrad Herling, Jeffphine Dawson.

Absences: none.

Visitors: Jane Young, Erin Josephitis.

Green Team and Green ACES Meeting

Call to order: 7:35; January minutes accepted.

1. Code of Conduct for Advisory Boards and Committee members was signed by all present.
2. John Lippert gave an update on the outcome of the Green Team-Solar Circle's petition to Council about solar canopy/EV charger grant from MEA. Council approved the petition for Mayor Jordan to make contact with commercial property owners to let them know of this opportunity. (SMC – Energy/Greenhouse Gas – Innovative Demonstration Project). John said that Mayor Jordan is planning on calling the business owners this week.

Kap Kapastin, from Beltway Plaza, contacted John Lippert from previous contact attempts. John Lippert met with Kap Kapastin and David Sullivan, from Beltway Plaza; and with John McCann, the solar vendor, to talk about possible locations for the canopy and to see if they could get the grant in on time. It was decided that the top of the second floor parking lot was not a good option; the back of the mall neither as there are proposals for different development there; the front of Giant or Target would be good options, but special permission from the stores is needed so there would not be enough time for the grant deadline to pursue this.

However, it was mentioned that the mall is currently re-roofing the establishment and solar on the roof could be an option. Furthermore, the mall interior has metal halide fixtures and they could consider retrofitting them with LEDs with the use of utility incentives.

The group wondered if they could contact someone within MEA to have a grant extension deadline; or if not enough people apply, if they could re-open the grant.

3. On April 18 from 10 am – 1 pm, Green ACES/Green Team is supporting the Potomac River Watershed Clean-up - Organized by the Alice Ferguson Foundation – at Springhill Lake Rec Center. Earth Day will also be celebrated that day. Questions ensued as to when Public Works Open House and Arbor Day are going to be celebrated.

Arbor Day – **March 28** at Buddy Attick Park
Earth Day/AFF Cleanup – **April 18** at Springhill Lake Rec Center
PW Open House – **May 16** at Public Works
Celebration of Spring – **May 16** at SHL Rec Center

4. Given that there are several new/newer members in the group a summary of the Sustainability Framework Document was presented, as well as a comparison with the Sustainable Maryland Certified Program. Members commented that City Manager had said that every year the Sustainability Framework would be reviewed by Department Heads to see what could be worked on that year. How does Green ACES/Green Team know this is happening? Luisa mentioned she was asked to provide a list of items within the Sustainability Framework that were being worked on to include in the Budget Book. Perhaps all departments are doing the same? Luisa will inquire about this.
5. Letter to GHI from the Stream/Stormwater Circle (Green Team). A letter was composed to encourage GHI to pursue low impact development to deal with stormwater issues in the community. Green ACES/Team agreed to have the Stormwater Circle present the letter to GHI as part of the Green Team. The only thing needed is permission from the City for the group to act as such. Luisa will ask Jim about this.
6. Volunteer Maryland Coordinator projects. Erin Josephitis
 - a) Composting workshop at Schrom Hills on March 8.
 - b) GIS data gathering on multiple dates.
 - c) Caging of trees and liberation from English Ivy. So far 136 trees have been caged and more trees have been freed from English Ivy.
 - d) Greenman Festival planning meeting on March 1 at the New Deal Café. Does the Green Team/ACES want to help make festivals Zero Waste in Greenbelt? Should we start with the Greenman Festival? Other festivals to consider are the Blues Festival, once the Theatre opens, the Labor Day Festival...
7. Other – Maggie asked the group if we could change the meeting time from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Multiple people said they would not be able to make it in time. Several people are already arriving late as it is.

Adjournment 9:10 pm (Kim, John)