

MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
MEETING

Tuesday, July 23, 2013 - 7:30 pm – Community Center

Members present: John Lippert, Eva Fallon, Matt Dirksen, Maggie Cahalan, Aaron Marcavitch, Michael Hartman, Konrad Herling. Excused absences: Trevor Liburd
Staff liaison: Luisa Robles. Absences: Kehinde Odebo, Matt Berres,
Visitors: Michael Hunninghake and Brandy Espinola from UMD, Jane Young, Cary Coppock, Bill Orleans.

Call to order: 7:33 pm

1. Welcome to Trevor Liburd our new member. Round of introductions.
2. Mike Hunninghake and Brandy Espinola from Sustainable Maryland Certified/Environmental Finance Center addressed the group regarding the Green Team.
It was agreed that Green ACES has accepted the designation of coordinator of the Green Team for Greenbelt's Sustainable Maryland Certified initiative, and that Green ACES will recruit stakeholders from the business community, merchant associations, property managers, and other interested parties in the community to participate in the City's sustainability efforts. Mike shared his experience with New Jersey.
Our next step for the Sustainable Maryland Certified application is to ask Council to make a resolution (or similar) stating the above. Should Green ACES ask Council?
3. Green ACES became a Smart Energy Community and obtained a grant from MEA. 30+ communities are receiving a grant.
4. Labor Day Festival. Booth location. Volunteers. Vendor green awards. FAQ. Etc... What do we do about the issue that vendors are not allowed to use Styrofoam but brick stores are? The reception for the Outstanding Citizen needs to be improved to exclude Styrofoam and non-recyclables, and to perhaps make it a zero waste event with composting. Ben Fiscler says he has a garden and could take the compostables. John volunteers to talk to St. Hughes and the bingo people so they recycle the bingo papers. Can we make announcements at the main stage? Can we put fliers at the information booth? Jane and Eva will talk to the Circus Camp to see if they can come up with activities to promote recycling. Training date – August 15 – advertisements to be placed on Patch, Website, AFF and fliers. Talk to Rosedale about brining recycling bins and pairing them with their trash cans. Should there be designated cages for the vendors to put the cardboard boxes? Will there be shuttle busses to Franklin Park?
5. Sustainability Framework Update. Get statistics of Bowie's recycling rolling cart program. ROI important to take into account.
6. Announcements: Electronics Recycling event on Saturday, July 27

Adjournment: 9:10 pm