

MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
MEETING

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 – Community Center

Staff liaison: Luisa Robles.

Members present: John Lippert, Eva Fallon, Matt Dirksen, Herb Reed, Maggie Cahalan, Megan Hughes.

Excused absences: Michael Hartman, Jamie Phillips, Ed James, Konrad Herling.

Absences: Matt Berres.

Visitors: Jane Young, Bill Orleans

Call to order: 7:00 pm

1. The Potomac River Watershed Cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 14th 2012. Green ACES decided to participate again this year. The group, led by Maggie Cahalan want to work on the Springhill Lake stream. Matt Berres mentioned that GHI's Woodlands Committee also wants to register a site, but does not know where yet. Luisa will register the site for Green ACES and another one for the students of Springhill Lake Elementary guided by Shana Sterkin.
2. The City Manager has asked Green ACES to review the Sustainable Land Care Policy generated by Lesley Riddle and based on the group's pesticide report. The group received the Policy from Luisa via email earlier and decided they want to each read the document independently and send John comments for him to compile. They will discuss the comments at the following meeting.
3. Reminder that Maggie and Megan's terms are expiring shortly. They expressed their wish to be reappointed. Ed just did his reappointment paperwork. Welcome back Ed!
4. Green ACES is invited to two events occurring on Saturday, January 28: the Commissioning of the solar PV at Greenbelt Baptist Church (2:00 pm); and University Park Community Energy Fair at UP Elementary School (1:00 – 4:00). Several members expressed their interest to attend one or both events.
5. Luisa shared an issue brought up at the COG Recycling meeting of Thursday, January 19. An act that would ban the export of electronics for recycling to non OECD nations. It is called the Responsible Electronics Recycling Act (HR 2284/S1270). The Institute for Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) is against the ban, and the Coalition for American Electronics Recycling is for the ban. Given that this is a hot topic at the moment it is good for Green ACES to be aware of it.
6. Green ACES had agreed last meeting to send a Council Action Request asking to include language on the City's permit for events about organizers contacting PW to ask for recycling bins. Luisa asked if they had finalized the language. John said he would send the final version to Cindy.
7. John asked the group if LED lighting is something the group should start promoting this year? Eva Fallon commented that she is part of an effort to generate funds for the Goddard Robotics Team and that they have LED for sale. She will send out the specs of the bulbs. John wonders how many sockets there are in City buildings that could accommodate LEDs and thinks we should gather information on these fixtures so that perhaps the City could start replacing dead bulbs with LEDs.
8. Sustainability framework.

- a. Food sector. The team is in paralysis. Herb said he could put something together with the information that was gathered at a previous meeting. Megan offered to make cookies if the team made a draft by next meeting.
- b. Transportation sector. The members of this team were absent. They put a lot of work on their first draft, but now it needs to be modified to fit the general layout of the whole document.
- c. John has reviewed all the sectors and made comments on some of them. He might be able to give Food and Transportation a jump start for next meeting.

Adjournment: 9:00 pm