

MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
MEETING

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 – Community Center

Staff liaison: Luisa Robles. Members present: John Lippert, Michael Hartman, Eva Fallon, Aaron Marcavitch, Ed James, Matt Dirksen, Maggie Cahalan, Jamie Phillips, Konrad Herling.

Excused absences: Megan Hughes, Matt Berres. Absences: Herb Reed. Visitors: Jane Young

Call to order: 7:35 pm

1. Welcome Aaron Marcavitch to Green ACES! People went around the table introducing themselves.
2. Earth Hour is celebrated on March 31st. The City will be turning off all non-essential lights. Participating Green ACES members will gather at the New Deal Café for a candlelight dinner. Luisa coordinated with Bev to make fliers that can be distributed at the event. Michael Hartman and John Lippert will speak on stage.
3. The Potomac River Watershed Cleanup organized by the Alice Ferguson Foundation is on Saturday, April 14th 2012. Luisa has registered three sites: 1) Springhill Lake Elementary, 2) Buddy Attic Park - Boy Scouts, and 3) Springhill Lake Streambed - Green ACES and CHEARS. Luisa will pick up supplies, as well as advertise in the News Review, Greenbelters, etc.
4. GATE - opportunity to advertise events for nonprofits. Jamie said he could help out as he is a “production specialist”. A script would have to be written and a date set for the taping with Jamie.
5. Earth Day event and Public Works Open House is on Saturday, April 21st 2012. People have been invited to participate with information about sustainability and the environment. Luisa will set up and oversee the Sustainability Poster, and a table with Recycling information; John is in charge of energy, kill-a-watt meters, thermal leak detectors, etc., and LED fundraiser (with Eva); Matt Berres will bring Rain Barrels; Maggie will have the Food Forest/CHEARS table.
6. Maryland Multi-City Environmental Boards and Commissions is on Tuesday, April 24th 2012 from 7:30 to 9:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Hyattsville Municipal Center. John Lippert will give the overview of what Green ACES has done in the last 6 months.
7. Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Symposium on April 28th. John Lippert will be presenting. (It is also electronics recycling day). John shared with the group a summary of the items he will cover. The group gave suggestions and added a few items.
8. Greenman Festival is on Saturday and Sunday, May 12th and 13th 2012. Green ACES will share a table with GCAN. Luisa will coordinate with Bev to make fliers about good driving and car maintenance tips (no-idling and tire inflation). More coordination to be done via email.
9. Bike to Work Day is on Friday, May 18th 2012. Greenbelt will be a stop for this event from 6:30 to 8:30 am in front of the pool. Green ACES has agreed to spread the word and some members will help out at the stopping station.
10. Sustainability framework. Everyone needs to go to their chapters and prioritize items!!!
11. Shredding is on Saturday, Cinco de Mayo.

Adjournment: 9:10 pm