

MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
MEETING

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 – Community Center

Staff liaison: Luisa Robles.

Members present: John Lippert, Michael Hartman, Aaron Marcavitch, Eva Fallon, Maggie Cahalan, Konrad Herling. Excused absences: Matt Dirksen. Absences: Matt Berres, Herb Reed, Kehinde Odebo.

Visitors: Pat Donahue, Cary Coppock, Chris Cummings, Michael Jar, Jane Young, Bill Orleans.

Call to order: 7:30 pm

1. Because of the large number of visitors we went around the table and introduced ourselves.
2. October minutes were accepted with corrections.
3. At the October Green ACES meeting, Doug Alexander, Co-Chair of the Environmental Committee for the City of Cheverly, shared their compost bin program, how they went about establishing it, and how it is going now. Green ACES members discussed the work involved in establishing a similar program. It was decided that for the moment the group would rather focus on existing projects. However, a couple of members would like to see a compost bin program and are willing to start a sub-group dedicated to that. Green ACES wholeheartedly supports composting.
4. Recommendations sent to Council and follow through letter for Mike. John has been working on a letter, he is thinking about sharing the progress with the rest of the group to get comments and ideas.
5. Electric tools for landscaping in Greenbelt. At the College Park MMC meeting we met Zack Kline from AIR Lawncare. He uses only electric equipment. John has a contact from Stihl, a German company that manufactures electric equipment and tools; he is going to send Luisa the contact so she can arrange a meeting with Public Works. Green ACES is also interested in promoting the use of electric equipment amongst the residents. John mentioned the idea of a COOP “store” where people can share and maintain equipment.
6. The International festival took place on Saturday 10/27/12 at Franklin Park. The attendance was not great, but a few people seemed interested in the concept of the Timebank. Green ACES’ presence also showed that we are interested in bridging over to Greenbelt West and reaching out to the people at Franklin Park.
7. Sustainability Framework. Aaron has reviewed and re-formatted the whole document. It is on the Drop Box. He requests that everyone look over their section. There is information missing in some, and some sections are too verbose. It would also be good to cross reference with Sustainable Maryland Certified.
8. Announcements (5 minutes)
 - a) Win With Your Bin Contest from October 22nd to November 2nd. Awards on Monday, November 26, 2012.
 - b) Electronics Recycling event on January 26.
 - c) Other business. Cary mentioned that Move On will bring up the Bag Bill on Saturday, 10 am at PG Community College. On Thursday, the Anacostia Watershed Society will talk about the State legislation and the Bag Bill.

Adjournment: 9:00 pm