

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

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 7:30 pm – Community Center

Members present: John Lippert, Jane Young, Michael Hartman, Patty Walters

Visitors: Connor Roessler, Tom Taylor

Excused absences: Steve Skolnik, Matt Dirksen, Josh Hamlin, Konrad Herling, Susan Barnett

Absences: Elvina Newton Tryer, Maggie Cahalan

Call to order: 7:32 pm

1. Updates from **Sustainability Framework** / Green Team Circles.

3.1 **Energy / Solar.** –

*John talked to Council about all our solar projects.

*Standard Solar and NRG proposals.

*MSEC-MEA grant application for solar panels at SHL Rec Center and PW.

3.2 **Food Systems / Sustainable Landcare.** –

3.3 **Green Building.** -

3.4 **Land Use / Planning / Pathways of Sustainability.**

3.5 **Transportation.** – Patty's update:

*EV charging stations progress.

*Progress with Path-to-the-Metro petition by Greenbelt Station - presented at Council meeting on Feb 13. They will set a separate work session with Todd Turner, WMATA, etc... GSA should make an announcement on March 10 as to the location of the FBI. Greenbelt Community Development Corporation has advertised the development with a path to Metro.

*Cherrywood bikeway enhancement plan (Renard promised to fund 1 million dollars) bike track in case FBI does not come to Greenbelt.

*Greenbelt Road enhancement plan. GCDC will have a meeting that will include this and Beltway Plaza mall.

3.6 **Time Bank / Local Economies.** – Feb 4 Policy Making Circle meeting, revised policies on how to remunerate members that work for the time bank.

3.7 **Waste Management / Zero Waste.** – The circle sent an email to the Green ACES/Team with completed activities. John spoke with Council at the meeting with the Chairs of advisory groups and let them know about all the events that the group is Zero Wasting. Group working on a grant for composting, and vermicomposting; will need some land for the vermicomposting project (AFC, NDC, other locations). Connor: NDC compost project on Feb 26, 1000 lbs of food waste were composted.

3.8 **Water / Stream / Stormwater Restoration.** – Update by Patty:

*Water quality workshop was attended by people from Greenbelt Station and wants to organize an Indian Creek Clean-up, on Saturday March 25 between 2 and 6 pm, with the help of the AFF. Meet at the public park.

*Greenbelt Station- Water quality monitoring, AFF might help with this as well and perhaps CRIC (Cary Coppock).

*April 2 with Mishkan Tora cleanup of Beaver Dam Creek.

2. John talked to Council and City Manager (Nicole) about the status of the Green Team. No liaisons for the Circle groups, but requirement of agenda 2 weeks in advance,

minutes, etc.... And they don't get discount at the GAFC, not invited to the dinners, etc. Council will schedule a work session to talk about these issues.

3. Making a video of Green Team activities. Konrad and Jeannie want to bring this to the group – wait until they are present at the next meeting.
4. Invite Elliott Campbell to speak to the group – HT Odum Emergy Concept? Luisa talked to the 4 members present about this concept, they decided to wait for the whole group to be present to see if they would like a presentation.
5. Upcoming events:
 - Saturday, March 4 – 10 am to 12 noon – Time bank orientation at MakerSpace.
 - Sunday, March 12 – 2-4:30 pm Time bank Social at CC – everyone welcome!
 - Friday, March 3 – 9:30 am in Annapolis - Ann Healy, get rid of Citizens United
 - Saturday, March 11 – 10 am-noon Green yards presentation at PW
 - Saturday, March 18 – Rain Barrel Closing
 - Saturday, March 18 – Compost bin sale and presentation at PW
6. Other:
 - Green ACES asks what happened with the Cherrywood Lane complete street proposal. Green ACES would like follow up with the recommendations we give. When something is given to “staff”, who is it given to? Which department? Who is following up?
 - Jane and John will be gone to Pittsburg for several weeks dealing with an ageing parent and family issues.
7. Adjournment: 9:00 pm