

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

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 - 7:30 pm – Community Center

Staff liaison: Luisa Robles. Members present: John Lippert, Jane Young, Maggie Cahalan, Eva Fallon, Susan Barnett, Konrad Herling.

Excused absences: Michael Hartman, Steve Skolnik, Josh Hamlin, Matt Dirksen.

Absences: Kehinde Odebo, Jeffphine Dawson.

Visitors: Ben Fishler, Tom Taylor, Bill Orleans.

Green Team and Green ACES Meeting

Call to order: 7:35 pm

1. Welcome to Jane Young as a formal member of Green ACES and the Green Team.
2. Updates from Green Team Circles
 - 1.1 Pathways of Sustainability.** Co-sponsoring Arbor Day Celebration on Friday and Saturday (April 29, 30). Speaker Joan Maloof – The Healthiest Forest talk on Friday. Hike in the woods on Saturday. Sponsor a Reel and Meal in May.
 - 1.2 Solar.** No report.
 - 1.3 Stream/Stormwater Restoration.** Putting report together summarizing what has been done. GHI group being formed, language in the handbook that encourages best practices.
 - 1.4 Sustainable Landcare.** Interest in pursuing efforts to Montgomery County and Takoma Park ordinance that addresses residents too and not just the City's efforts for the lands they manage. Maggie would like to get in touch with Josh to get the ball rolling. Pollinator Protection Act at the State level-- the governor has not signed yet (he has veto power). Online petition to urge him to sign; Tom can send the link to us.
 - 1.5 Time Bank.** Next orientation to be held on May 21, Saturday afternoon, in Greenbelt East.
 - 1.6 Zero Waste – Green Man – Labor Day Festival (LDF).**

Green Man Festival – merchants and vendors are being engaged by Tom and Michael. Booth with games, table with information,
Request: notebook with information on: How do I recycle?
We need volunteers
TapIt – Jane will contact the merchants.
Contact Melissa Sykes to sing the recycling song – Jane will contact. Or Greenbelt Community Church Choir? Konrad suggested. The drummers are there too.
Vendor recognition for the ones that are making an effort to be Zero Waste.

LDF – Next LDF meeting will be before our Green ACES meeting. If Erin is back we won't have an issue with finding enough volunteers.

Can we have something to do with Labor at the LDF? Rectify wrong perceptions. Being environmental does not mean there will be fewer jobs. Invite a company to collect the compost and make them visible. Composting = jobs! Booth on Green Economy, encourage the County to move in that direction. LEDs = energy efficiency = selling lots of new lights. Renewable energy, solar panels = jobs installing and maintaining... etc. Green Economy entry in the parade.

Recognize the vendors that make an effort to be zero waste.

3. Sustainable Land Care Policy to be sent in the following month. The group will have several weeks to review, please bring your comments to our June 28 meeting where Richard Fink will be present.
4. Planning will give a presentation at our May 24 meeting regarding the parking lot at Buddy Attick Park.
5. Public Works Open House is on Saturday, May 21 from 10 am to 1:30 pm. Green ACES/Team usually has tables with information about what we do. Who is available to table or do an activity?
6. Green ACES would like to hear from Mike about what other departments are doing so we can include in the Sustainable Framework. We would like to write an article for the NR and let people know what is going on. Keep the document up to date.
7. Adjournment: 9:00 pm