

MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY MEETING AND GREEN TEAM MEETING
Tuesday, March 22, 2016 - 7:30 pm – Community Center

Staff liaison: Luisa Robles. Members present: John Lippert, Josh Hamlin, Eva Fallon, Matt Dirksen, Susan Barnett, Konrad Herling.

Excused absences: Steve Skolnik, Michael Hartman, Jeffphine Dawson.

Absences: Maggie Cahalan, Kehinde Odebo

Visitors: Jane Young, Ben Fishler, Tom Taylor, Cary Coppoc.

Green Team and Green ACES Meeting

Call to order: 7:35 pm

1. Today was World Water Day!
2. Updates from Green Team Circles
 - 1.1 Pathways of Sustainability. The group has met and begun mapping the BMPs (rain gardens, rain barrels, pollinator gardens, pervious pavement, green roofs). Also identifying areas that need work.
 - 1.2 Solar. Community Solar regulations have passed in the state.
 - 1.3 Stream/Stormwater Restoration. The group is exploring options to prioritize and get funding to restore streams in Greenbelt.
 - *Rain Garden Workshop Recap. Three Saturdays of learning about rain gardens – the City partnered with the County.
 - *Forebay dredging recommendation submitted.
 - 1.4 Sustainable Landcare. Status of the Sustainable Land Care Policy letter submitted. – Richard has responded he is working on putting together a new policy. He will share with the group when appropriate.
 - 1.5 Time Bank. Next orientation April 26 at MakerSpace.
 - 1.6 Zero Waste. On March 3 several members attended Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team Summit. Composting needs echoed in the room. On March 5 we had a composting workshop. We sold all the composting bins provided by “Backyardcomposting.org”. We will be getting another batch in a few months.
 - We received the TapIt decals; this program is taking the place of Greenbelt Water Works.
 - The movie theatre is working on reducing their waste. They met with Zero Waste members to learn how to dispose of the materials generated. Tom Taylor made a survey.
 - The co-op has stopped selling products with microbeads.
 - Food trucks: could we have a policy that stipulates trucks need to have ZW practices? Disposable service ware language. Josh can look into that.
 - Will the Styrofoam ban apply to federal facilities?
3. 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. Jane and John

volunteer to help with the energy and other displays. Luisa will have the recycling table. Susan can help with whatever might be needed.

4. Sharing of information/Other –

Alice Ferguson Foundation Transforming Communities = Trash Talk from today, March 23.

Wish list for Konrad: Dishwasher for Community Center to lend dishes? Can lend to groups or individuals? Who do we ask about this possibility?

Theatre Community activities – put together a PSA with GAC as to ZW activities.

John Lippert gave an update on PACE. For commercial and residential, a bill is in the General Assembly now where energy efficiency upgrades are paid for with property taxes. That way individuals can invest in improvements without paying for them immediately as the cost of the improvements would be reflected in the annual tax bill for the property. Anne Arundel and Montgomery County have approved this for commercial use. Howard County is in the process. There are 23 Counties in MD. Josh recommends talking to Mary Lehman.

5. Use Google Docs to share information & pictures for the City of Greenbelt website. Click on the links below:

[*Greenbelt ACES / Green Team & Sub-Group*](#)

[*Green Steps*](#)

6. Adjournment: 9:05 pm