

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

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 - 7:30 pm – Community Center

Staff liaison: Luisa Robles. Members present: John Lippert, Matt Dirksen, Kim Knox, Eva Fallon, Susan Barnett, Konrad Herling, Kehinde Odebo (8:10).

Visitors: Jeannie Iacovazzi, Cary Coppock, Vicky Hageman (8:40), Bill Orleans (8:35),

Excused absences: Michael Hartman, Maggie Cahalan, Matt Berres, Steve Skolnik, John Berard, Trevor Liburd (preparing for dissertation defense: good luck Trevor!).

Call to order Green Team Meeting : 7:35 pm

1. Stream sub-group progress report. Kim Knox mentioned that the group visited the Beaver Dam Watershed. Susan Barnett led the group. Several sites were visited, including some in GHI which the group decided were worth addressing since the City and GHI could work together for a restoration effort. (*SMC - Natural Resources – Watershed Stewardship – Provide Voluntary Opportunities for Citizen Engagement in Watershed Stewardship*).
2. Susan Barnett suggested a presentation by Doody Calls about pet waste. Conversation ensued about actively pointing people to a specific business/vendor and that being inappropriate for Green ACES. Susan and Eva will talk to other groups to see if there is interest in forming a “per waste” sub group of the green team. *SMC - Natural resources – Pet Waste*.
3. History of the “Pesticide Report” - July 9, 2007 original report issued; July 10, 2007 recommendation to Council; September 30, 2009 Council Work Session – Possibility for Green Team to make a sub-group to deal with this and the larger issue of sustainable land care policies for the City.

Adjourn Green Team meeting

Call to order Green ACES meeting

4. Remembering Ann Elsen from Elsen Energy. She passed March 1st from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) or Louis Gehrig's disease at the age of 52. She helped Green ACES in the first steps of the Sustainability Framework.
5. Stormwater Solutions: Rain barrels and more! Workshop held on Saturday, March 15. Recap (This also fits within the *SMC - Natural Resources – Watershed Stewardship – Facilitate Engagement in Existing Watershed Stewardship Opportunities*). The workshop was a success. We had a full house, presented information on Power Point presentations from various speakers, toured the rain gardens and cistern at Public Works, and showed the pervious pavement and rain garden/butterfly garden at Buddy Attick Park. Several people were interested in the rain barrels from the ICPRB and purchased at the workshop.
6. Susan Barnett requests support from Green ACES for a petition to establish more community garden plots. At our last meeting it was established that Green ACES supports the spirit of the petition, but the group will have to draft its own letter. (This could fit under *SMC – Community Based Food System – Local Food Production – Community Gardens*).
7. Green ACES to help choose an organization to receive the money awarded by Groundswell for wind energy recruits.
8. How can Green ACES ensure that Council will forward pertinent issues to the group? Perhaps members can pay attention to Council agendas, or perhaps Konrad can alert us.

9. Announcements

- A) Earth Hour – March 29
- B) Potomac River Watershed Cleanup – April 5
- C) Repair Café at Club 125 – April 19
- D) PW Open House/Earth Day/SHL dance performance/Plantings at Buddy Atick – April 26
- E) Electronics Recycling – May 3
- F) Shredding – May 3

10. Next meeting: SMC - Natural Resources – Watershed Stewardship – Provide Voluntary Opportunities for Citizen Engagement in Watershed Stewardship- Guest speaker Coit Hendley teaches a Research Practicum at ERHS which is an internship-like program that allows seniors to gain real-life research experience and gather authentic data. Students in this Watershed Integrated Study Program adopt 14 stream sites and use them to study local water quality issues. They produce a master's thesis style paper complete with statistics and participate in a poster symposium and science fair.

Adjourn Green ACES meeting: 9:20 pm