

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

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 - 7:30 pm – Community Center

Staff liaison: Luisa Robles. Members present: Jeffphine Dawson, John Berard, Maggie Cahalan, John Lippert, Steve Skolnik, Kim Knox, Susan Barnett, Matt Dirksen, Michael Hartman, Konrad Herling, Jeannie Iacovazzi.

Excused absences: Kehinde Odebo,

Absences: Eva Fallon

Visitors: Jessica Bellah, Emily Clifton, David Miller, Jane Young, Erin Josephitis, Damien Ossi,

Call to order Green Team and Green ACES Meeting

1. The Low Impact Development Center Presentation. Jessica Bellah from Planning made introductions and explained the project. The LIDC was awarded a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, on the City of Greenbelt's behalf, to support a new Cherrywood Lane Green and Complete Streets Design project. Maps were shown on how the street could look like, with a median, vegetation, designated and protected bike lanes. There are a couple of design options.
2. Solar domestic water heating systems – Steve Skolnik shared that GHI is considering a new policy to allow solar water heating systems. This could easily be expanded to the City if Green ACES/Green Team wants to take this on.
3. Electric vehicles (EV) in Greenbelt – Steve shared that GHI is considering a new policy concerning members who want to install charging stations, waiting for City action, there is a GHI resident that is in the process of permitting an EV station; also update on GHI purchasing our first EV.
4. Stream sub-group update. Kim Knox – she has been leading volunteers to look at various streams and put together a document so we are ready to make recommendations for possible restorations. SMC - Natural Resources – Watershed Stewardship – Provide Voluntary Opportunities for Citizen Engagement in Watershed Stewardship.
5. Organics Land Care sub-group update. Maggie? Kim Knox? There is interest in continuing to encourage the City to practice organic whenever possible.
6. Does Green ACES want to ask the City of Greenbelt to request Prince George's County to adopt a policy that allows homeowners to volunteer 8 hours to get a reduction of \$10 off of the consumption charges of their stormwater fees? This is a program that Baltimore City has implemented last year. Kim Knox and John Lippert will put together a letter
7. Set up a community work session for the freed slave cemetery on Cherrywood Lane? Some people are interested in clearing of trees and brush what appears to be a cemetery for slaves. Jessica Bella wants to be kept on the loop since she knows about restoring cemeteries.

Adjournment: 9:08 pm