

MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
MEETING

Tuesday, January 22, 2013 – Community Center

Members present: John Lippert, Eva Fallon, Kehinde Odebo, Konrad Herling.

Excused absences: Matt Dirksen, Michael Hartman, Aaron Marcavitch, Maggie Cahalan, Luisa Robles (liaison). Absent: Matt Berres. Visitors: Jeannie Iacovazzi, who is interested in sustainability; Bob Iacovazzi, Westchester Park energy committee, green team, energy conservation; Cary Coppock.

Call to order: 7:40

1. Tracking Recommendations that Green ACES has sent to Council. Instead of sending a letter, John met with Mike McLaughlin in December and had a friendly discussion. Mike confirmed that the city has added the recycling language we requested for events sponsored by or happening on city property. He offered to provide proof to Luisa of this and other recommendations we make. Luisa, being on vacation, can confirm when she returns. Mike added that sometimes things still don't go as intended, and he is willing to make additional changes, such as placing the new recycling language in bold print to make it more apparent to the reader.

At the same time, John mentioned to Mike that the Bozzuto Group would make a great candidate for the Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team. Mike replied that no businesses responded to letters sent from the city and signed by the mayor, including Bozzuto, and that it looks like we, Green ACES, will become the Green Team. Since we had such a small group, nearly half of them visitors, we described what the Sustainable Maryland Certified program is.

2. Electric tools for landscaping in Greenbelt. John said he knows of someone at "Stihl", a German company that manufactures battery-operated landscaping tools, and that he would look up his name and contact information to invite as a speaker.
3. Sustainability Framework Document. John said he'd edited his section. Cary said he needs to talk to Aaron directly about the Water section. John said he plans to finalize the document and send it City Council – as one tool to use or to be the action plan for Sustainable MD Certified. Konrad asked us to consider its use in legislation/county policies (i.e. the bag bill (see item 6 below). The February plan is to FINISH the document at the meeting. (Bring your notebooks.) We will then present what we have to the city. We still need pertinent photos to include in the document.
4. Status of Green ACES terms for members Eva, Michael, John, and Herb. Herb recently resigned. Eva already sent in her form to continue on Green ACES. John still needs to do so. Michael was not present so we need to follow up at the next meeting.
5. Announcements. Electronics Recycling event is on January 26.
Konrad mentioned that last Thursday's Prince George's County Municipal Association Meeting was rescheduled for January 31st at 7 pm at the College Park City Hall. Speakers will talk about the county solid waste plan and recycling.
6. Other business.
 - Cary mentioned some legislative items that could use some advocacy – the bag bill in particular. He was going to send some info to John to forward on to the group. We hadn't seen it yet. He asked for some phone calls/letter writing in support of the bill. There's also a bottle bill being considered.
 - A good website is trashfreemaryland.org

- Julie Lawson, Communications & Campaigns Manager for the Anacostia Watershed Society, recommends the movie "bag it."

Adjournment: 8:30 due to low turnout of members