



## Sustainability Advisory Committee “Green Team” Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 5:30 pm in Room 306 of the Government Office Building at 125 N. Division Street in Salisbury. In attendance were: Green Team members Terri Gladus, Ryan Weitzel, Kaitlyn Grigsby-Hall, Matt Heim, Elise Trelegan and Lisa Howard; City Staff: Alyssa Massey and Amanda Pollack; members of the Public: Brittney Wall and Mark Frieden.

Discussion included:

1. Minutes from the June 5, 2019 meeting was discussed. Matt moved to approve the minutes, Kaitlyn seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.
2. Alyssa provided an update on the Green Business Certification program. To date, the City has certified Rise Up Coffee (both locations), Roadie Joe’s, Davis Bowen & Friedel, and Robertson & Robertson. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Alyssa and the Mayor will present certificates to the Ward Museum, Healing Hands Animal Hospital and Taco Bliss. Other businesses that have applied and are in the process of certification are Peninsula Alternative Health, MAC and Soul Yoga. The program is very well received so far.
3. The National Folk Festival will be held on September 6<sup>th</sup> through September 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for the Zero Waste Eco Stations. There are 7 stations on Friday and 10 stations on Saturday and Sunday. The volunteer blocks are 2 or 4 hours. Groups can sign up for a block and then organize shorter shifts for their volunteers. Volunteers can bring chairs.
4. Matt Heim presented the draft Menu For Action for the One Water Partnership. Wicomico Interfaith Partners is applying for a Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant to provide multi-session workshops for local congregations to teach about land use, water, energy, waste and food. The Committee is asked to review the Menu For Action and be prepared to provide comments at an upcoming meeting. Items discussed that could be added included becoming Green Businesses, encouraging pollinator gardens and supporting City policy messaging.
5. Terri provided an update on the Pay-as-you-throw (PYT) program. The subcommittee will look at the projected PYT cost per various size houses versus current trash costs. They will also investigate how contamination of recycling is handled and if it is appropriate to fine people that put trash in the recycling bins, or if the program will work better without curbside recycling. Ryan and Mark are interested in joining the subcommittee.
6. The City hosted a Sustainability Intern from Maryland Municipal League for this summer. He will present his report about the City’s Sustainability and Resilience to the City Council on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. Anyone interested in welcome to attend.
7. The giveaway reusable bags have been depleted. Ideas for giveaways items were discussed and included sandwich bags, vegetable bags, cutlery in travel containers, collapsible to-go containers, seed balls, or beeswax or soy wax wraps. Amanda to present options/costs at the next meeting.
8. Matt moved, Ryan seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 5:30 pm** in Room 306.