

Sustainability Advisory Committee “Green Team” Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, December 4, 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, Kaitlyn Grigsby-Hall, Michael Auger, Elise Trelegan, Lisa Howard, Marina Feeser, Evan Deckers, and Mark Frieden; City Staff: Alyssa Hastings and Amanda Pollack; members of the Public: Geraldine Bell.

Discussion included:

1. Minutes from the November 6, 2019 meeting were discussed. Terri moved to approve the minutes, Lisa seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.
2. Each Green Team member provided input on the 2020 Goals for the Green Team. Terri set up a shared folder where the list of ideas is saved along with a document for specific project ideas with a designated point person. The recurring themes were climate change, youth engagement and watershed improvements. The Committee would also like to utilize subcommittees more effectively.
3. Modifications to the Green Business Certification program were discussed. Starting in 2020, the certification will be for two years. The points for each category will be increased as follows: 10-14 Bronze, 15-19 Silver and 20+ Gold. When Alyssa meets to certify a business, she will ask them to identify a new item that they would like to complete in the next year so that we are encouraging continuous improvement. We will also add a “Create Your Own” category to highlight the innovative strategies that many companies are doing.
4. Terri distributed a Pay-as-you-throw (PYT) program timelines and considerations. Volunteers have signed up for action items. Terri will contact Ron Airey to get data on how much trash went to the landfill in 2019, what the tipping fees were and what were trash collection revenues. Evan will analyze the data to see how much we would have to charge per bag to get a similar level of revenue. Lisa will contact Carroll County and other municipalities that have PYT to get their input and lessons learned. Mark will work on outreach and education efforts including strategies to educate HOAs.
5. Lisa commented that she will be working on a monthly newsletter. If anyone has something to highlight or an interesting article, please send it to Alyssa or Lisa.
6. Terri moved, Evan seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm** in Room 306. *Note that this meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday of the month due to the New Year’s Holiday.*