



City of Salisbury

Jacob R. Day, Mayor

A virtual Environmental Policy Task Force meeting was held on Thursday, July 9th, 2020, at 5:30 pm via Zoon. In attendance were: Task Force Chair Dave Nemazie, Dave Layfield, Elise Trelegan, Mario Ramirez, Tim Metzner, Dr. Mike Lewis, David Plotts, John Foley, Dan Savoy, City Staff: Alyssa Hastings, Amanda Pollack, Anne Roane, and Kevin Lindsay.

Discussion Included:

1. Reviewing the goals and objectives of the Task Force:

The mission of the Environmental Policy Task force is to help the City of Salisbury establish a framework for establishing long-term sustainability goals in order to become a more resilient City and community. The task force is charged with:

1. Reviewing the 2008 plan and determining priority of initiatives not yet implemented
2. Working with City staff to establish and prioritize broad sustainability goals, detailing measurable objectives and actions to achieve those goals.
3. Form official recommendations that will serve as the backbone of the City of Salisbury Sustainability plan.

2. Amanda Pollack provided an overview of infrastructure upgrades made since the original Task Force met in 2009. Discussion included: The Mayor's deployment, WWTP, Stormwater Utility, Main Street, Fitzwater Street, Critical Area Commission fee in lieu of, and Outreach for the Green Building Code. If any Task Force members have any specific technical questions about any of these projects, please reach out to Amanda at apollack@salisbury.md

3. Alyssa explained that the next step for the Task Force is to break into smaller groups based on topic areas of interest. The Task Force was divided into subcommittee categories, and any member wishes to be in a different group, please reach out to Alyssa. Dave explained that he would like each group to consider how their topic should address environmental justice/diversity and adaptation to climate change.

4. Dave explained the projected timeline for the Task Force. The subcommittees will meet in their individual groups throughout the Summer and Fall, with the goal of having a completed report for the group to review before Thanksgiving. After the group has reviewed the entire report, the Task Force will present the report to Acting Mayor Julia Glanz and/or City Council in December. The Task Force will also meet as a large group once a month in September, October, and November. Alyssa and Dave will work together to refine adding diversity and climate change to the recommendations. The groups will self-organize a lead who will serve as the main point of contact for the subcommittee. Alyssa will work with each subcommittee to set up each group's first meeting and will attend the first meeting of each group.

The next large group Task Force meeting will be held in September, date TBD.