

Sustainability Advisory Committee “Green Team” Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, October 7th, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. In attendance were: Green Team members: Elise Trelegan, Ryan Weitzel, Mark Frieden, Marina Feeser, Cassandra Duncan, Lisa Howard and Amy Heger; City Staff: Amanda Pollack; members of the Public: Gina Bloodworth (WET), Matthias Pieplak, Virginia Murray, Abigail Potter.

Discussion included:

1. Minutes from the September meeting were discussed. Cassandra moved to approve the minutes, Lisa seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.
2. Gina shared a presentation about the Creek Watchers for the Wicomico River which is a function of the Wicomico Environmental Trust. The Creek Watchers test and monitor sites along the River every 2 weeks from March to October. The tests include pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, nutrients, bacteria, visual depth and clarity. The Creek Watchers are always looking for volunteers. Gina will share the date of the next training session for volunteers with the group. WET would like to gain an understanding of the public’s perception of water quality. This may be an initiative that the Green Team can partner to work on. WET and the City are partnering to hold a press conference to discuss the health of the Wicomico River. The event will be held on Thursday, October 22nd at 1:00 pm at the Edible Garden on the River (behind Market Street books).
3. Lisa provided an update on the Green SBY newsletter. At a future meeting, the group can discuss the strategy and vision of the newsletter and whether there should be an Op-ed section.
4. Amanda gave the group an update on recent conversations regarding maintenance of the living shoreline in the City Park. The Lower Shore Land Trust is providing technical assistance to the City’s Field Operations Department regarding maintenance of plants in the buffer and the living shoreline.
5. Amanda noted that there are two new Green Businesses: Kid to Kid and Uptown Cheapskate.
6. Elise discussed the recent virtual clean up day. The Green Team will try to hold future virtual clean ups and will engage local students. The clean up with the Chamber of Commerce will be held on October 24th.
7. Marina moved, Lisa seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 4th, 2020 at 5:30 pm** held electronically via Zoom. The link to join the meeting will be posted on the agenda which can be found on the Green Team webpage.