

Sustainability Advisory Committee “Green Team” Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held electronically on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. In attendance were: Green Team members: Marina Feeser, Kaitlyn Grigsby-Hall, Elise Trelegan, Amy Heger, and Matt Heim; City Staff: Alyssa Hastings; members of the Public: Matthias Pieplak, Virginia Murray, and Abbie Potter

Discussion included:

1. Minutes from the October meeting were discussed. Marina moved to approve the minutes, Matt seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.
2. Marina debriefed the group on the November cleanup. It was held at the City Park with 20 participants and collected 50 pounds of trash. The next cleanup will be December 19th at 9am at the Lake Street Park.
3. Elise asked the group if any of the members discussed the Green Yard Certification program. Matt responded that the group had not yet had the opportunity to discuss the initiative but will do research over the next month and discuss next meeting.
4. The group broke out into smaller groups to discuss the Mayor’s Environmental Policy Task Force recommendations, and discussed specific recommendations from three subcommittee groups: water, education/outreach, and public open space. The group discussed lead in water education, tree plantings, invasive species removal and opportunities to educate the public through a native yard landscaping program. Other initiatives discussed included partnerships with the Wicomico County school system, including recycling education as well as planting projects. Elise asked the group to keep thinking about ideas and review the document over the next month. Alyssa will send the final version once the Task Force has finalized the document in the next few weeks.
5. Alyssa reminded the group that they have \$2,000 in the budget still and to please start brainstorming about ways they would like to spend it on educational activities before the fiscal year ends.
6. Kaitlyn moved, Matt seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 6th, 2021 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.