



## Sustainability Advisory Committee “Green Team” Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held electronically on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. In attendance were: Green Team members: Marina Feeser, Kaitlyn Grigsby-Hall, Elise Trelegan, Lisa Howard, Sara-elah Hoffman, and Matt Heim; City Staff: Alyssa Hastings; members of the Public: Matthias Pieplak,

Discussion included:

1. Minutes from the February meeting were discussed. Lisa moved to approve the minutes, Marina seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.
2. The team acknowledged this meeting as Mark’s last, as well as Kaitlyn’s.
3. Elise transitioned the group to review the 2021 Work Plan. First the group discussed participation in 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday; Lisa & Marina agree the monthly event provides good visibility to public & opportunities to engage locals. Marina added that it’s a great opportunity to promote our 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend clean-ups. Amy is willing to take the lead on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and offered to create a sign-up sheet as many members cannot commit to every Friday. Sara-ellah and Matthias are available to support, however.
4. Other projects: Green Business Certification will require website changes, “Engaging with other community leaders” does not necessarily need a point person.
5. Elise suggested that groups meet or talk weekly, and give Elise a week’s notice if groups would like to add updates or discussion topics to the meeting agenda.
6. Next, Alyssa led a discussion about Green Team funds which must be spent before July 1. An option would be to add a City standard bench to the downtown edible garden. The cost is \$900, and has a lot of potential to make the space more inviting. Alyssa proposes investing an additional \$100 for adding and/or replacing plants at the edible garden. As a springtime team-building event for the Green Team, Alyssa also suggests we plan a date to plant, pick weeds, and care for the edible garden as a group. Later in the meeting, Cassandra moved to approve Alyssa’s suggested use of funds, Ryan seconded, and the group voted to approve.
7. After the cost of the bench (w/ plaque), and plants there will be \$600 remaining in our budget.
8. Cassandra shared her school project idea (through SU) for a compost pilot program for Salisbury. She shared her research and proposed using the leftover funds to purchase micro-bins at a reduced rate. This idea received a lot of support from the Green Team. Alyssa and Elise also volunteered ideas for funding and support.
9. Green Yard certification update: Matthias shared that they had a good conversation with a rep from LSLT. He proposes a self-checklist, similar to Green Business Certification. Matt has been in contact with congregation leaders. Amanda shared that if we want a GY certification, a City Admin could easily administer the program. That person would not need to be a program expert but could receive applications, photos, and check qualifications. They also talked to Kate from LSLT about a list of non-invasive and native plant species for a separate project.
10. Elise shared that YEAS will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup>, in partnership with the Ward Museum. All Green Team members are welcome to join.



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11. Amy proposed a cash prize for youth to create “green” films for a Green FilmFest.
12. Sara-elah and Elise shared their work in trying to better partner with WCBOE leaders and facilities managers. They sought suggestions from the group.
13. Goodbye to Kaitlyn and Mark
14. Kaitlyn moved, Matt seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 7th, 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.