



Sustainability Advisory Committee “Green Team” Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held electronically on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. In attendance were: Green Team members: Marina Feeser, Elise Trelegan, Lisa Howard, Ley Rideout, Amy Heger, Cassandra Duncan, Charles Simms and Matt Heim; City Staff: Alyssa Hastings; members of the Public: Matthias Pieplak, Lauren Caulson

Discussion included:

1. Amy moved to approve the minutes from our last meeting, Cassandra seconded, and the Green Team voted to approve the minutes.
2. The Green Team welcomed Ley to the team, who introduced themselves and told us about their background in forestry.
3. For our next meeting, the Green Team is planning to meet in-person at the downtown edible garden. We will be wearing masks and physically distanced. While attendance is not mandatory, we hope everyone can try to take advantage of meeting and talking to folks in real life. There will be pizza, so please let Elise know if there are dietary restrictions. Please bring gloves or garden tools, if you have them. Also bring your own beverage and a picnic blanket.
4. The next clean-up will be April 17th at the downtown Riverwalk and will be hosted in partnership with the SACC. Marina and Lisa will be unavailable, but Alyssa will be there. It would be helpful for 1-2 other Green Team members to support.
5. Ley recently came into possession of 7k trees (seedlings) that need homes. Ley asked the group for ideas for where else to give trees. The team discussed giving them away at 3rd Friday, Matt may have an event with IPC that could use the trees. LSLT may be able to use the trees as giveaways for their native plant sale. Alyssa shared that there are a few places in the City that might be available for using trees. As a back-up, Alyssa suggests using the trees as giveaways at the May clean-up. Charles suggested reaching out to the Nature Conservancy on Johnson Rd. or Wicomico County (contact Mark Whitelock), or Tom Horton w/ SU. Ley shared the species list, which is extensive. Species include: Persimmons, Willow Oak, Bald Cypress, etc.
6. Cassandra updated the group on her composting pilot idea. She was able to secure a truck and has raised \$300 on a GoFundMe page. She is looking for suggestions for where to place 10' x 10' micro-bins. The location(s) must have access to electricity and running water, and preferably be in City limits.
7. Amy shared updates on her Film Fest idea and plans to partner with Fenix Youth Project.
8. In discussing how to spend our remaining funds, Alyssa asked if we should invest in a table. The team also discussed the possibility of purchasing water bottles as giveaways, which would greatly increase access to water for some Salisbury residents. Ley suggested finding sustainable products such as cotton rounds or “paper” towels. Investing in a film-screening event was suggested, but Matt feels that investing in giveaways would be more prudent than investing in an event. The group has a growing interest around a community tool shed. Matthias added that the M4 Reactor may have space for storing tools temporarily. Marina added that purchasing fishing nets for clean-ups would be really helpful for getting bottles and other debris out of the river; there has been a lot of participant interest in using nets at clean-up events.
9. Lisa motioned to adjourn, Amy seconded, and the group voted to adjourn at 6:15 pm.
10. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 at 5:30 pm** held in-person at the downtown edible garden.