



## Sustainability Advisory Committee “Green Team” Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held electronically on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the City of Salisbury Dog Park Pavilion. In attendance: Green Team members: Marina Feeser, Elise Trelegan, Lisa Howard, Ley Rideout, Amy Heger, Michael Auger,; City Staff: Alyssa Hastings, Councilmember Michele Gregory, Rachel Manning; members of the Public: Matthias Pieplak

### Discussion included:

1. Approval of May minutes: Lisa motioned to approve, and Marina seconded. The Green Team voted to approve the minutes.
2. Community Relations Manager for the City of Salisbury, Rachel Manning, shared news about the community gardens at the Truitt Street Community Center, the opening of the Newton Street Community Center (June 18<sup>th</sup>), Summer Youth Employment Programs, local door-knocking campaigns, and the new mural that will be commissioned at the VFW. Elise asked how the Green Team can support these upcoming projects, and Rachel said participating in door-knocking campaigns and neighborhood walks would be helpful. If you have more ideas or would like to learn more, please contact Rachel at [rmanning@salisbury.md](mailto:rmanning@salisbury.md).
3. Michael shared a number of ideas for how the Green Team can support community center projects, including youth education programs on urban gardening and composting.
4. To support community center projects, Amy proposed kids’ activities including taste-testing garden produce.
5. An additional idea to engage local youth came from Michelle who proposed getting kids connected to the earth and soil by celebrating International Mud Day on June 29<sup>th</sup>.
6. As quick updates, the group was reminded that Green Team members tabling the downtown 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday event could use more support. Members are encouraged to sign up for at least one 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday event. Also, Marina announced to the group that—due to the hard work and dedication of her Surfrider Foundation team—a ban on balloon releases will soon be passed into local legislation.
7. In the final minutes of the meeting, Elise reminded the group that a decision needed to be made regarding the location of the Green Team’s first seed garden. The group quickly came to a consensus that the Boundless Garden would be the best location. Next, the group will need to determine how to have local business sponsor the seed library on a monthly basis. Amy also suggested that the envelopes include QR codes that link to education and information on cultivating the seeds. She also suggested that labeling the envelopes would be a great way to acknowledge sponsors.
8. Lisa motioned to adjourn, Amy seconded, and the group voted to adjourn at 6:15 pm.
9. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 7th, 2021 at 5:30 pm** held via Zoom.