



Sustainability Advisory Committee "Green Team" Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held via Zoom, Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 5:30pm. Members in attendance: Elise Trelegan, Noah Bressman, Charly Sager, Christina Williams, Mike Angelot, Marina Feeser, Ley Rideout. City staff in attendance: Dylan Laconich, Matthias Pieplak. Members of the public in attendance: Olivia Wackett, Mollie Rudow.

Discussion:

1. Elise Trelegan opened the discussion by calling for review of the meeting minutes from March 1. Mike Angelot moved to approve the minutes, Marina Feeser seconded the movement.
2. Introductions were held to familiarize attendees, concurrently, discussion regarding the recommended podcast was held: "The Carbon Copy – Why Heat Waves Become Deadly." Conversation ranged from acknowledgement of nation-wide inequitable decisions in history, to unique characteristics of animals. Olivia Wackett introduced herself as a new attendee and was welcome by the committee. Mollie Rudow provided the committee with a green space equity mapping tool.
3. Elise concluded the introductions and called for Dylan Laconich to discuss the No, I Know Podcast. Dylan described a project in which the hosts of the podcast would like to hold discussion on relevant topics to sustainability in Salisbury. Dylan invited attendees to talk about relevant issues and progress that they believe is relevant. Marina Feeser spoke about issues regarding invasive plants which progressed into talk about the pocket meadows ordinance the City approved. Elise Trelegan noted that climate change should be highlighted, scaling the impacts directly to Salisbury. Matthias Pieplak spoke about idling cars in the heat and the likely emissions generated, which led to discussion from Olivia Wackett about mapping potentials. Dylan Laconich weighed in to mention there have been several studies such as the Tree Canopy study, but that more studies could be done and that future plans should consider these studies. Mollie Rudow discussed the local community gardens. Elise Trelegan spoke about awareness for the purpose of the bike lanes. Mollie Rudow also mentioned the ongoing stewardship work at Waterside park between several organizations.
4. Elise moved discussion to working group updates. First there was discussion regarding recycling initiatives, Mollie Rudow and Matthias Pieplak spoke in detail about the subcommittees progress on brainstorming possible activities to be done during several events. Dylan Laconich suggested including information about perfect vs. imperfect recyclables. Elise Trelegan provided input on the bag roll out, speaking on the business meeting and the neighborhood walk which occurred the week before.



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Charly Sager provided update on the Sustainable Yards subcommittee, they have created goals and actionables, potential outreach and participation activities. Mike Angelot provided update on the cleanup activities, stating desire to avoid the coldest months, June 3rd was stated as a likely date to collaborate with the Chamber of Commerce. Dylan Laconich provided update on the green business certification revamp, which is pending update of the City website. Noah Bressman provided updated on the fishing tournament, speaking on funding sources and dates. Noah mentioned that the new governor has sought a federal fishery disaster declaration for invasive catfish. Mollie Rudow voiced interest in aiding the tournament initiative through FishTalk Magazine's Rudow's Fishtalk publication.

5. Dylan Laconich provided City updates, regarding several projects in the works, pertaining outreach, plan fulfillment and development.
6. Christina Williams provided information about the Green Team shirts, which are expected to arrive in the coming weeks.
7. Christina Williams motioned to adjourn, Noah Bressman seconded, the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 6:30pm.

The next meeting is scheduled to be Wednesday May 3, 2023, at 5:30pm.



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