



Sustainability Advisory Committee "Green Team" Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held at Schumaker Park, Salisbury, Maryland, Wednesday May 31, 2023 at 5:30pm. Members in attendance: Elise Trelegan, Noah Bressman, Ley Rideout, Olivia Wackett, Christina Williams, Mike Angelot, Diallo Sessoms. City staff in attendance: Dylan Laconich. City Council in attendance: Megan Outten. Members of the public in attendance: Ilyana Kadushin, James Harrell, Matthias Pieplak, Walker Skeeter, Catherine Skeeter, Catherine Beise, Dylan Maine, and Christine Maine.

Discussion:

1. Elise Trelegan opened the discussion by asking everyone to review the minutes from the last meeting. She further asked people to introduce themselves and explained the agenda for the evening.
2. Cat Beise spoke about the meadow handouts and expressed her desire for them to be available on the City's website. The handouts would provide information on plants and serve as a guide for homeowners. There was a discussion between Cat and Christina Williams regarding the importance of emphasizing non-chemical upkeep of the meadows. Olivia Wackett suggested that the city provide signage to help neighbors of meadow gardens understand their intent. The group discussed the possibility of having a demonstration site sponsored on the City website. Christina Williams mentioned the potential of finding a Habitat for Humanity site that could be used for this purpose. Diallo Sessoms suggested that community gardens could be useful sites for the meadows.
3. Elise Trelegan inquired about the meadows' exposure to sunlight. Cat provided her input on the question and highlighted the difference between a meadow (a field of flowers) and a pollinator garden.
4. Elise Trelegan asked Dylan Laconich about the monthly newsletter. Dylan replied that he has been in contact with the City's Information Systems department to improve the system and restart the newsletter.
5. This led to a discussion about creating a resource where residents can "Ask a master gardener" for more information about proper gardening practices.
6. Olivia Wackett asked about an ordinance mandating an 8" cut. Noah clarified that this is a once-a-year requirement. The discussion further touched upon the ordinance, including the need for a 10-foot buffer around property lines. Noah suggested that street frontage should not be included in this requirement. Elise Trelegan acknowledged these issues but stated that changes to the ordinance should not be the Green Team's current priority.
7. Elise Trelegan asked if anyone would be willing to create the suggested signage. Diallo Sessoms volunteered for the task.



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8. Elise Trelegan requested updates from the attendees. Matthias mentioned that he and Mollie have been emailing about the recycling outreach project and intend to complete it soon.
9. Christina motioned to adjourn the meeting, Noah seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting closed early at 6:00pm to accommodate James and Ilyana's interview for the "No, I Know, Delmarva Public Media" podcast.

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