



Sustainability Advisory Committee "Green Team" Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Boundless Community Garden, Salisbury, Maryland, Wednesday July 12, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Members in attendance: Elise Trelegan, Charly Sager, Ley Rideout, Olivia Wackett, Mike Angelot

City staff in attendance: Dylan Laconich

Members of the public in attendance: Matthias Pieplak, Anthony More

Discussion:

1. Elise Trelegan opened the meeting with introductions.
2. Elise Trelegan called for review of the previous meeting's minutes. Ley Rideout moved to approve, Mike Angelot seconded, the vote was unanimous.
3. Elise Trelegan then moved discussion to the podcast that Dylan Laconich provided the green team. Dylan Laconich provided a summary of the podcast, which was about urban planning and sustainability concepts.
4. Elise Trelegan spoke on how planning activities are a guiding document, and asked how plans might be better implemented. Charly Sager commented that the community first strategy was preferable, and that a variety of measures mentioned in the podcast could be used. Dylan Laconich explained form-based code which can be used to make implementation easier for all parties involved. Elise Trelegan mentioned the sustainable neighborhoods initiative, and Charly Sager pointed to the wide participation.
5. Mathias Pieplak and Mike Angelot provided a demonstration of their recycling outreach materials. Elise Trelegan asked about the City's efforts tracking recycling, Mathias provided input that the data is available, Dylan Laconich acknowledged the potential to improve outreach feedback.
6. Elise Trelegan asked about the plastic bag ban and implementation, Dylan Laconich commented that compliance has been high with some complaints over the \$0.10 charge at restaurants, but positive feedback for the ordinance at grocery stores. Mathias Pieplak mentioned the several establishments outside of the City which have implemented the change.



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7. Elise Trelegan sought input as to how more reusable bags could be distributed. Mike Angelot commented that food banks could be a good resource. Elise Trelegan acknowledged this and mentioned timing with SNAP benefits. Mathias Pieplak volunteered to help with the food bank, but needed contact info and reusable bags. Olivia Wackett mentioned community and special needs housing, likewise would need to find contacts and acquire bags. Elise Trelegan mentioned the possibility of providing reusable bags to shoppers at neighborhood grocery stores in low-income areas.
8. Dylan Laconich provided an update on the sustainability hub and outreach materials.
9. Mike Angelot mentioned cleanup activities, what could be improved, such as tabling materials and social media outreach.
10. Elise Trelegan reminded the group of the invasive fishing tournament on July 23.
11. Ley Rideout made a motion to adjourn, Olivia Wackett seconded, the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 6:30pm.

The next meeting is scheduled to be Wednesday August 2, 2023 at 5:30pm at Schumaker Park, Salisbury, Maryland.