



Sustainability Advisory Committee "Green Team" Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held at Schumaker Park, Salisbury, Maryland at 5:30pm.

Members in attendance: Elise Trelegan, Charly Sager, Ley Rideout, Mike Angelot, Marina Feeser, Noah Bressman,

City staff in attendance: Dylan Laconich

Members of the public in attendance: Matthias Pieplak, Nancy, Mollie Rudow, Catherine Skeeter

Discussion:

1. Elise Trelegan opened the meeting with introductions.
2. Elise Trelegan called for review of the previous meeting's minutes. Marina Feeser moved to approve, Noah Bressman seconded, the vote was unanimous.
3. Elise Trelegan then moved discussion to the recent invasive fish tournament. Noah Bressman commented that it was a success with higher turnout and that good data, outreach, education, and philanthropy was produced. Mike Angelot commented that he noticed the abundance of catfish provided at the Haitian Word of Life community. Noah Bressman commented that more is being done to increase appetites for catfish and snakeheads, such as at EVO Craft Brewing's Fish Fry, Sunday August 6.
4. Mollie Rudow provided updates on progress with recycling outreach materials, which are expected to be complete by August's 3rd Friday event, August 18.
5. Elise Trelegan moved discussion to the upcoming litter cleanup, commenting she will not be available. Mike Angelot asked the group if they are available to participate, to little response. The team discussed procedures for cleanups moving forward, what is necessary of the volunteers and how to gain staff support. Christina Williams provided input on best practices, Marina Feeser commented on previous work with Alyssa Hastings, former Sustainability Specialist. Several members commented on upcoming events and organizations, such as The Faunce foundation, Restore the Shore, Environmental Students Association, Surfrider, Make a Difference Day. Dylan Laconich commented that discussion should be had about fostering neighborhood stewards to create a sustainable cleanup practice.
6. Elise Trelegan moved discussion to the upcoming City Council work session to discuss the plastic bag ban ordinance. The Green Team agreed that attendance is of high importance and the collective stance on the ordinance is firmly behind its original wording.



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7. Continuing discussion on the plastic bag ban, Elise Trelegan commented on more distribution of bags at disadvantaged-serving retailers.
8. Mollie Rudow provided comment on the increased presence of faith-based environmental stewards on the shore. The group formally known as Wicomico Interfaith Partnership for Creation Stewardship (WICPCS) is now reorganized as Wicomico One Water (WOW).
9. Mike Angelot mentioned the needs for tree planting events, Dylan Laconich commented he will meet with Field Ops to get that done.
10. Noah motioned to adjourn, Charly seconded, the vote was unanimous.

The next meeting is scheduled to be Wednesday September 6, 2023 at 5:30pm, location TBD.