



Sustainability Advisory Committee “Green Team” Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held over Google Meets at 5:30pm on December 6, 2023.

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

Members of the public in attendance: Jarrett Hoskins, Catherine Skeeter, Matthias Pieplak

City staff in attendance: Dylan Laconich

Discussion:

I. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Marina proposed the approval of the previous meeting's minutes, seconded by Noah. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Discussion of Scaling Electric Vehicles:

The meeting delved into an article discussing the challenges in scaling electric vehicles. Various viewpoints were shared, Craig Faunce voiced concern over Electric Vehicles, which prompted discussion over the feasibility for an electric-based vehicle market.

III. Review of 2023 Work Plan:

The focus of the meeting was on reviewing the 2023 work plan's progress. Acknowledged achievements included successful implementation of the bag ban campaign, distributing over 2000 bags, providing outreach in person and on social media, responding to constituency, and more. Further, the Salisbury University fishing derby was completed with great success. However, efforts on the yard certification program and litter clean-ups saw limited progress. The yard certification group did provide outreach materials, and further progress can be measured by checking on 2023's registration numbers. Litter cleanups were agreed to be reconvened. Little success was found in certifying 20+ green businesses, as this work group reported difficulties with the preferred web format. No sustainability-themed event was held, and a suggestion for including sustainability in related events was agreed upon. A City-wide Sustainability Plan was not completed, and it was decided this project was not necessary in the coming year given the upcoming Comprehensive Plan.

IV. Actions Moving into 2024:

Discussion centered on identifying actions to carry forward into 2024, planning to draft an annual plan in the January meeting for continuity.



V. Working Group Updates:

Updates were provided by the 'get the bag out' working group. No updates were shared from other groups or the city.

VI. Motion to Adjourn:

Craig motioned to adjourn, seconded by Liv. The meeting adjourned, with anticipation for future plans.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2023, at 5:30pm in room 300 of the GOB (125 N Division St., Salisbury, Maryland).