



City of  
**Salisbury**



## **Sustainability Advisory Committee “Green Team” Meeting Minutes**

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held at Room 306 of the Government Office Building (GOB), 125 N Division St, Salisbury, Maryland at 5:30pm on April 3, 2024.

**Members in attendance:** Elise Trelegan, Charly Sager, Mike Angelot, Catherine Skeeter, Olivia Wackett, Matthias Pieplak, Noah Bressman, Noha Yousif

**Members of the public in attendance:** Su Stein, Bob Maine, Dylan Maine, Cindy Dillon, Jarrett Hoskins, Taylor Swanson

**City staff in attendance:** Dylan Laconich

### **I. Approval of Minutes**

Noah Bressman motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Noha Yousif seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

### **II. Sierra Club, Shop Green SBY statistics:**

Cindy Dillon from the Lower Shore Chapter of the Sierra Club presented a slideshow to the Green Team to demonstrate the effects of the plastic bag ban which the Green Team helped to implement. The study was observational, finding the different rates of shopping choices between 2020 and 2023. Stores included Acme, Food Lion, Alid, and Save-a-lot. The study found that the ban yielded great results for decreasing the rates of plastic bag usage. The study also found that a significant portion of customers opted to not take any bag at all. For those customers which opted for paper bags, a negative correlation between paper bag costs and paper bag consumption was found.

The Green Team celebrated the findings, but suggested that more information could be found through inventory inquiries. Further, some of the Green Team suggested expanding in-store signage of the plastic bag ban.

### **III. Subcommittee 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday coordination**

Meadows, led by Christina Williams communicated that they will be at 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and have sufficiently planned.



Cleanups, led by Charly Sager voiced their desire to improve the cleanup network in the region. The Green Team discussed the potential to have the downtown cleanup on the 20<sup>th</sup> at the boat ramp in tandem with the Wicomico Environmental Trust fishing derby.

Sustainable Transportation, led by Olivia Wackett communicated they hope to advertise the bike valet.

Tree Cover, led by Dylan Laconich communicated 3 projects, Salisbury University's I Love Salisbury, Youth Environmental Action Summit's Truitt Community Center plantings on May 4, and outreach for Terrascaping in the Summer of 2024.

#### **IV. Motion to Adjourn:**

Olivia Wackett motioned to adjourn, seconded by Noah Bressman, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting concluded at 6:30 pm EST.

**The next meeting is scheduled to be Wednesday May 1, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the Boundless Community Garden.**