



City of  
Salisbury



## Sustainability Advisory Committee “Green Team” Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Pavilion by the Dog Park in City Park, 319 N Park Drive, Salisbury, Maryland at 5:30pm on June 12, 2024.

**Members in attendance:** Elise Trelegan, Mike Angelot, Noah Bressman, Noha Yousif, Christina Williams, Ley Rideout, Christina Williams, Catherine Skeeter,

**Members of the public in attendance:** Christine Maine, Dylan Maine, Taylor Swanson, Helen Kennedy-Butler, Karen Cooper, Kayleigh Krieg

**City staff in attendance:** Dylan Laconich

**City Council in attendance:** Michele Gregory

### I. Introductions, pre-read recap.

Elise Trelegan asked the group if they had taken the time to read the article provided to the group via email. The contents were focused on the topic of extreme heat in schools involving AC.

Noah Bressman commented on the pre-read that he had once lived in an area without common AC, when a heat wave went through, indoors were in the 90+ degree Fahrenheit range.

Michele Gregory commented that the lack of AC in school has yielded calls from her children to leave.

Christine Maine commented that it can be impossible to work in extreme temperatures.

Dylan Maine commented that his band room in school can be too hot.

Christina Williams commented that low income areas are burdened the most by heat islands.

Karen Cooper commented that she had no AC in school while growing up.

Catherine Skeeter commented that old Bennet Middle had no AC

Elise Trelegan commented that Green Infrastructure should be used to engineer for a changing climate, noting India as an example.



Dylan Laconich echoed this comment, and noted that passive cooling is a primary objective of the Terrascaping project.

Helen Kennedy-Butler commented that her middle school lacked sufficient AC

Ley Rideout echoed that more trees should be planted.

Noha Yousif commented that her brother went to old Bennet Middle and was told to leave during high heat days.

Taylor Swanson echoed that more trees should be planted.

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

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

## **III. Subcommittees**

Catherine Skeeter with the Litter subcommittee commented that the last cleanup at Lake street was a success with attendance from the Green Team and Wicomico Clean. Next cleanup scheduled for Newton Community on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Catherine noted that the Faunce foundation is seeking to donate buckets and other materials.

Elise Trelegan asked about partnering with other organizations. Discussion was exchanged about signage and tables.

Noha Yousif with the Outreach subcommittee commented that they have no updates to provide.

Dylan Laconich with the Tree Cover subcommittee commented that the Terrascaping project is pending a milestone. Noah Bressman commented that Cypress trees are being planted on Johnson's Pond.

The Meadow subcommittee led by Christina Williams commented that they are seeking to push back the registration goal, needs more education at nurseries instead. Elise Trelegan suggested that the Green Team could help survey the community on their demand for natives. Noah volunteered to help the Meadow subcommittee. Taylor Swanson commented that Lower Shore Land Trust and other partnerships could be engaged.

Elise Trelegan asked Taylor Swanson about his experience in engaging non-profits for co-hosted events.



Taylor Swanson responded that publicity is the incentive to partner. Taylor commented that he may be able to help facilitate future partnerships.

Christine Maine suggested a pilot project to leave buckets and grabbers at a park for people to use. Taylor Swanson suggested leaving a QR for sharing with social media.

Dylan Maine volunteered to lead the project as a boy scout project.

Noah Bressman provided a fishing update, receiving funding for the Sharptown invasive derby. The Green Team is interested in hosting a table at the event, July 20<sup>th</sup> 5am-1:30pm.

Transportation subcommittee's Noha Yousif commented that the proclamation for Bike Month was good to see. Elise Trelegan commented the attendance for Ride of Silence was lower than last year's.

Michele Gregory commented improving communications, engaging with downtown business group.

#### **IV. Budget**

The Green Team discussed using the remaining funds to procure litter cleanup materials, signs, gloves, bags, scale, trash grabber bags.

The Green Team discussed materials to make a meadow model area on Church Street.

Elise noted that meadows could be expanded to a wider education program of "Sustainable yards"

Michele Gregory and Noah Bressman volunteered a portion of their property for promotion of the sustainable practice.

Noah motioned to approve the use of funds, Ley Rideout seconded.

#### **V. Motion to Adjourn:**

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

**The next meeting is scheduled to be Wednesday July 3, 2024 at 5:30 pm, location TBD.**