



City of
Salisbury



Sustainability Advisory Committee “Green Team” Meeting Minutes

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held at Schumaker Park, 1019 S Schumaker Dr, Salisbury, Maryland at 5:30pm on August 7, 2024.

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

Members of the public in attendance: Helen Kennedy- Butler

City staff in attendance: Nick Voituic

City Council in attendance: Michele Gregory

I. Introductions, pre-read recap.

Elise asked the group if anyone had read the pre read she had sent out about bike infrastructure for cities should be for everyone.

Catherine started us off discussing how the bike infrastructure should be made for everyone.

Noha remarked that certain areas have dense tree coverage, which makes the streetlights inefficient, particularly for bikers navigating those routes.

Michele commented how most street light poles have the power companies phone number on them. She also included one neighborhood had requested street lights 15 years ago.

Matthias commented on Carol Street that the median is supposed to be elevated.

Michele commented back that many people send in complaints about the bike infrastructure.

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Subcommittees

Tree committee Charly, Jarrett, Noha, and Elise checked on the trees they had planted and they are looking much better. Mikes Trees are having a difficult time due to the extreme heat but seem to be doing a little better. After Perdue’s lawsuit they are now required to pay funds to the state and city, with \$400,000 allocated for the Terrascaping project.



For the Education committee Matthias mentioned that the green-themed event held on the third Friday in April was a success. He proposed a new initiative to launch a social media campaign based on the outreach materials and concepts that the subcommittees shared about at the 3rd Friday event. Presently the Green Team is locked out of the GreenSBY instagram account because it is connected to Dylan's old email address. Nick committed to re-opening the email and helping Green Team to regain access.

The Meadow Committee visited a Habitat for Humanity house to create a kidney-shaped meadow as a demonstration project. The Green Team will reconfirm the dimensions of the proposed area to ensure that it follows the meadow ordinance. Materials for the meadow need to be purchased.

The committee plans to next collaborate with local garden shops to increase the availability of native plants and enhance their understanding of native versus non-native species.

The Litter Committee successfully conducted a cleanup at Boundless Park, with assistance from Matt in Field Operations. The next cleanup is scheduled for August 17th at 9 AM at Schumaker Park. Additionally, another cleanup is planned for Saturday morning, September 21st, before the Folk Festival, with the possibility of setting up a booth at the festival.

Elise from the Sustainable Transportation Committee reported that they are doing well, having achieved five out of their seven goals. One notable success was Bike to Work Day, which saw significant participation.

The City Committee discussed the lack of locations for tire recycling. Michele also mentioned scouting potential sites for public art, possibly near the edible garden. Noah suggested an idea for creating informative and sustainable art.

IV. Budget

Helen informed everyone that the budget remains at \$2,000; however, the leftover money from the previous fiscal year is no longer accessible.

V. Motion to Adjourn:

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

Elise informed the group that the September Green Team meeting will be canceled, resuming in October. There was discussion about changing the regular meetings date in October due to multiple Green Team members not being available on October 2nd, however consensus was not reached so Elise will follow up with a poll over email for members to vote on the date of the next meeting