



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 12/3/2025

A Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Government Office Building Room 306 at 125 N. Division St.

Members in attendance: Charly Sager, Matthias Pieplak, Noah Bressman, Christina Williams, Elise Trelegan, Sarah Yamakawa, Catherine Skeeter.

Members of the public in attendance: Taylor Swanson

Staff in attendance: Zack White, Travis Huff, Nicholas Voitiuc

City Council in attendance:

I. Introductions, recap.

Charly had the group introduce themselves and share a favorite holiday tradition.

II. Approval of Minutes

Charly introduced a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Elise motioned; Sarah seconded.

III. Discussion

Leadership Changes

Charly announced she is stepping down as Chair and Elise will be taking over the position temporarily with hope for a new successor for 2027. Christina was then announced as the new Vice Chair.

Voting was then held for the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Noah motions to vote for Chair position, Christina seconds, Elise is elected as Chair. Noah motions to vote for Vice Chair, Matthias seconds, Christina is elected as Vice Chair.

Subcommittee Updates

Charly had a few of the subcommittees provide updates on their efforts:

Litter Cleanups:

Charly announced the next litter cleanup is scheduled for December 13, 2025 at 9am at Prince Street Elementary School.

Meadows:

Elise announced a pollinator meadow has been seeded at the Ward Museum / Library property on Beaglin Park Drive. A kickoff event is planned for the future with Green Team signage planned at the site. A meadow was also planted at a Salisbury homeowner's property, her name is Karen and she is urging her neighbors to also plant pollinator meadows. Elise also spoke with members Mike Piorunski and Matt Obert of the Parks Committee at one of their meetings about maybe getting a pollinator garden at the corner of Church Street and US Business 13.

Education:

No updates

Member Update

David Burt had a follow-up back surgery, the group wished him a speedy recovery.

Green Team Future Actions

Charly brought up the plans for the Green Team moving forward, which would include maintaining the City's certifications with Sustainable Maryland like Bee City and Tree City. Elise committed to putting together a Google Sheet showing what the City is already doing and areas where the Green Team can support the City. Elise mentioned if the pollinator grant is received it is likely going to be a major focus for the team. Elise says they plan to do a planning meeting in January to determine where the Green Team should focus their efforts.

Open Spots

Elise mentioned there are a couple of open spots in the Green Team, and encouraged the team to invite anyone interested in the position.

Litter Cleanups

Elise noted that attendance at the litter cleanups has been declining. It was discussed to work with local organizations to get more participants from the community out to help with the cleanups. Zack suggested working with Salisbury University, Christina added Rotary Clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts, Girls on Top of the World, and One Year to Empowerment. Elise also stated it is necessary to have someone sitting at a table, checking people in and getting the number of people that show up for cleanups as well as the amount of trash being cleaned up.

IV. City Updates:

New City Liaison

Zack introduced Travis Huff to the group as the new liaison for the City. Travis is a Project Engineer in the Infrastructure and Development Department working with environmental projects, stormwater, and the MS4 program for the City.

Sustainable Maryland Action Grant Application

Zack wants to focus on finding some projects or actions that satisfies the criteria for the Sustainable Maryland grant application. Zack said he already sent in a long list of actions that are already being performed but may need updated and asked if the group can find some projects that could help update some of the actions.

At 6:09 pm Elise motioned to adjourned the meeting. Noah seconded the motion and meeting ended.