



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 2/4/2026

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, Christina Williams, Elise Trelegan, Sarah Yamakawa, Catherine Skeeter, Brooke Orr, Noah Bressman

Members of the public in attendance: Mike Angelot, Karen Cooper, Brede Gibson, Stephen Feliciano

Staff in attendance: Travis Huff

City Council in attendance: Melissa Holland

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Elise. Attendees introduced themselves, shared pronouns, affiliation with Green Team, and a brief ice breaker.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Edits Identified:

- Add Catherine as an attending member.
- Correct spelling of Fenix Youth Project.
- Correct spelling of Trash-ion Show.

Motion: Approve January minutes with stated corrections.

- Motion by: Christina Williams
- Second by: Sarah Yamakawa
- Vote: Unanimous approval

City Updates

Planning Commission Meeting

- Date: February 12, 2026
- Time: 4:00 PM
- Location: Council Chambers in the GOB
- Topics: Chapters 9 & 10 of the Comprehensive Plan (Water Resources and Sustainability).
- Encouragement for Green Team members to attend due to:
 - Opportunity to show support
 - Advocate for stronger bike infrastructure
 - Emphasize partnerships with local nonprofits and community groups
 - Encourage smart density
 - Address invasive species considerations
 - Raise PFAS concerns and potential fish consumption advisories

Zach continues working on the Sustainable Maryland Grant

Recycling Program Communication Concerns

- Community confusion persists regarding whether recycling is properly processed.
- Suggestion to improve public communication—potentially via annual water quality mailings.

- Field Operations identified as responsible for waste management.
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Social Media & Communications Strategy

Meeting held with Victoria (Communications Director). Key outcomes:

- Green Team will establish independent social media accounts.
- Pages will not operate under official City branding.
- Likely platforms: Facebook and Instagram.
- Possible future domain purchase (no immediate website development planned).
- Subcommittee to brainstorm names (e.g., “Green Salisbury”).
- Branding project for pollinator initiative underway.

Members encouraged to submit name ideas via email.

Subcommittee Updates

Community Gardens Subcommittee

Strategic Direction:

- Green Team will act as a coordinating hub rather than long-term maintainers.
- Focus on recruiting and establishing independent stewards.

Current Gardens:

- Boundless Community Garden (Newtown)
- Camden Community Garden
- Edible Garden (downtown near Friendship Bridge)

Updates:

- Stephen Feliciano has contacted youth groups (including I Am Him Youth Program).
 - Interest from community stakeholders growing.
 - Brede Gibson volunteered to champion the Edible Garden.
 - Potential vegetable support through Chesterfield Heirlooms.
 - Meadow integration into garden spaces discussed.
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Pollinator Habitat Grant (Sustainable Maryland – \$20,000 Awarded)

Project Scope:

- 1–2 pollinator meadows
- 2–3 pollinator habitat gardens
- Community education and outreach
- Certification signage program

Branding:

- Graphic designer Kacey Martin selected.
- Proposed name: “Lower Shore Pollinator Habitat Network” (discussion ongoing).
- Members encouraged to complete branding surveys.
- Launch targeted for April (Earth Month).

Potential Locations Identified:

- 208 New York Avenue
 - 115 Walnut Street
 - 110/111 Monitor Court
 - 812 Mersey Lane
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Proposed Renaissance Fair Environmental Outreach Event

Noah introduced concept for a science outreach event at the Furnace Town Renaissance Fair involving:

- Green Team may lead pollinator habitat station.
 - Event would target new demographic audiences.
 - Noah will keep Green Team updated if this idea moves forward.
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Third Friday – Sustainability Theme

- Interest expressed in hosting a Sustainability-themed Third Friday (April target).
- SU Environmental Club interested in participating (including Trash-ion Show).
- Elise to follow up with Nadine regarding coordination.

Attendance & Participation Reminder

- Members must attend at least 75% of meetings to maintain active status.
- Subcommittee participation open to non-voting members.
- Voting rights limited to official Green Team members.

New Pollinator Commitments**Confirmed interest from:**

- Joel (Monitor Court property owner)
- Habitat homeowner (Kiya Lofland, Grace Street)
- Stephen Feliciano (812 Mersey Lane)
- Sassafras Meadows HOA (Dan Savoy contact)

Adjournment

At 6:27pm Sarah Yamakawa motioned to adjourn the meeting. Noah Bressman seconded the motion and the meeting ended.