

## **Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from October 17, 2018**

Attendees: Cindy Unangst, Doug Martin, Ann Payne, Joyce Tuten, Mark Carney

1. September meeting minutes approved
2. Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> (5 to 6:30 pm)?? due to Thanksgiving week; there was discussion about moving meeting to third Tuesday's instead of Wednesday to avoid conflict with County Sustainability Commission meetings and Green Drinks events.
3. Green Expo
  - a. Date for next year – April 27, 2019 in conjunction with Mainstreet Coloring in the Street event; Garage Alley most likely for location of Expo.
  - b. E-end and All Shred both available and have date reserved; discussion about where they might set up if Green Street will be closed; bank parking lot? Medical center parking lot?
  - c. Should we include a bike ride component again? In discussing this, we thought it best not try one for this next year. Mark and Ann thought that maybe the Scouts could do one as a scavenger hunt to make it more fun for kids/teens.
  - d. Rain barrel distribution – discussion about where residents could pick them up if road is closed; also discussed the distribution of the free compost bins that we received from Brunswick; maybe coupons could be picked up at the Expo and then the folks could go elsewhere in town to pick them up.
4. 2018 Year of Sustainability workshops – Green Talks!
  - a. September – Entomologist Lisa Kuder – Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – very well attended from as far away as Silver Spring; folks heard about the event thru all forms of posting/notices.
  - b. June nature walk rescheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> - Wiles Branch Park and tour of Brad Motter's personal garden on Westchester Court – great article in the Citizen by Robin!
  - c. October--Canning and freezing vegetables, Donielle Axline – only Ann, Cindy, Keith attended; Donielle said that May would be a better month for her.
  - d. November – Best Pruning Practices, Cindy Unangst at Library, green craft, vegan food (Lauren); the holly trees at the library have been removed so Cindy will look at where else to get some holiday greenery.
  - e. December – Understanding Climate Change – Joyce thought we should ask the participants about what further information they would be interested in hearing about so we can let Sara Via, who wants to do a follow-up talk, know how to tailor her talk; Mark informed us that he has signed up for the MD Climate Leadership Academy.
5. Riparian Meadow Restoration update and signage (Cindy) – Cindy still needs to place the signage order; Mark suggested annotating photos of the plants at the site and posting them to the website.
6. MEA grants (Cindy) – The next grant application for FY19 funding that is only available for energy efficiency projects has been submitted. There was discussion about solar panels on the Food Bank building; it was thought that we should maximize the panels and not worry about energy storage, which was a question that Steve Canale had. No word on the extension request yet.

7. Tree planting grant application (Cindy)—application was due September 15, \$1500 max grant, goal to increase tree canopy, plan for April planting. Cindy and Ann to plant 3 bur oaks at dog park.
8. Tree canopy assessment (Cindy) – Cindy is working on the review of materials for the assessment. Discussion about how to increase canopy by reaching out to residents.
9. Heritage Festival follow-up – Doug and Joyce thought the event ran well. Good turn-out and discussions with folks who stopped by tent.