

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2019
Attendees: Cindy Unangst, Rick Dietrick, Doug Martin, Mark Carney,
Jamie Moore, Ann Payne

1. December meeting minutes approved
2. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 19 (5 to 6:30 pm)
3. Green Drinks event on Wednesday, February 20 at Main Cup (5 to 7 pm), featuring Mike Judd of Edible Landscaping
4. Green Expo
 - a. Date for next year – April 27, 2019 in conjunction with Mainstreet Coloring in the Street event.
 - b. E-end and All Shred both available and have date reserved
 - c. Location will be along West Green Street and Garage Alley most likely
 - d. Cindy has completed Tales & Scales request form
 - e. Rain barrel and compost bins: orders will be taken from April 1 to April 19 (\$40 cost to town residents for rain barrel, compost bins will be \$20 for town residents/\$25 for nonresidents for pre-orders, add \$5 if purchased at Green Expo), distribution at Green Expo
5. 2019 Green Talks (in coordination with the City of Frederick, Frederick County Sustainability Commission, and FCPL)
 - a. January – Winter Tree Walk at Waterford Park, Saturday January 19 (10 am to noon), snow date January 26.
 - b. February – Climate Change with Dr. Sara Via – C. Burr Artz Library, Saturday, February 16 from 2 to 3:30 pm
 - c. March –Composting with Phil from Key City Compost at Fox Haven Farm on Saturday, March 16 from 12:30 to 3 pm
 - d. April – Edible Landscaping w/ Michael Judd – C. Burr Artz Library on Thursday, April 11
 - e. May – Master Gardener presentation at UMD on Saturday May 11
 - f. Future talks in planning process
6. Riparian Meadow Restoration update (Cindy) – signage is up, Cindy has corresponded with Dr. Tangren via e-mail, Dr. Tangren has plants in her greenhouse which can be planted at the site in the spring (will need to coordinate plant delivery and installation), erosion is still a big issue, also need to continue to weed area, consider contacting a botanist to perform a plant survey of the site.
7. MEA grant extension (Cindy) – Cindy is working on the form, which is due 1/31/2019, plan for \$25K to install solar panels on roof of food bank, plan to apply for future grants to purchase street lights and convert to LED
8. Keep Maryland Beautiful grant (Cindy) – Cindy has completed the application, should hear the results in March

9. PLANT application (Cindy) -- due this month, we received a Bronze Award last year, consider trying for Silver Award this year.
10. Sustainable Communities re-designation and SMC re-designation – need to reapply this year, Cindy is working on these applications.
11. Tree Canopy assessment (Cindy) – Cindy is working on the review of materials for the assessment
12. Plastic Waste discussion (Ann) – Ann is working on a possible letter to be sent to Middletown businesses from the committee asking that they consider taking steps to reduce the plastic waste in town.
13. Multi-faith Alliance of Climate Stewards of Frederick County, tree planting event (Ann) – this group is working with Streamlink to plant 1000 trees in the Walkersville area on March 21 and April 7, consider volunteering, also consider inviting group to do tree planting in Middletown.