

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2019

Attendees: Cindy Unangst, Joyce Tuten, Doug Martin, Mark Carney, Jamie Moore, Ann Payne, Lauren, Sean O'Keeffe

1. January meeting minutes approved
2. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 19 (5 to 6:30)
3. Green Expo
 - a. Date – April 27, 2019 – Garage Alley most likely
 - b. E-end and All Shred both available and have date reserved
 - c. Rain barrel distribution - \$40 – orders taken April 1st – 19th. Flyer will be sent with next water bill.
 - d. Compost bin distribution – received 35+ from Brunswick - \$20 resident/\$25 non-resident for orders taken before Expo; at Expo prices are \$25 and \$30; funds go to Sustainability Committee.
 - e. Exhibitors confirmed: Sierra Club, Frederick County Office of Sustainability, Native Plant Apparel, Open Book Farm, Munro Properties, DNR Scales & Tales, Yuk Old Paint, MidMaryland Mobile Repair, Tower Garden, Frederick County Office of Recycling, Foxhaven Farm.
4. 2019 Green Lecture Series
 - a. February – Climate Change with Dr. Sara Via – C. Burr Artz Library – Saturday, February 16 – 2-3:30pm: good attendance
 - b. March – Composting with Phil from Key City Compost – Fox Haven Farm – Saturday, March 16 – 12:30-3pm
 - c. April – Edible Landscaping w/ Michael Judd – C. Burr Artz Library – Thursday, April 11
 - d. May – Master Gardener presentation – UME – Saturday, May 11
 - e. August – Recycling with Annmarie Creamer – C. Burr Artz Library - Thursday, August 1 – 6:30-7:30pm
5. MEA grant news (Cindy): extension filed for solar panels on food bank
6. Keep Maryland Beautiful grant application (Cindy): requested \$2200 for trees to plant along Middletown Parkway, should hear in March. Mainstreet got grant to cover \$1000 application fee to become Keep Middletown Beautiful.
7. Sustainable Communities application and SMC re-application (Cindy). Establish baseline data, then figure out reduction goals and steps needed.
8. Municipal Carbon Footprint (Cindy): UMD mechanical engineering student has been assigned to Middletown, he needs to have this done by May, Cindy has sent him some information to get our baseline data. Electrical energy usage (Cindy has sent this already), natural gas (none yet), oil usage, tons of solid waste delivered to landfill, recycling usage, miles reimbursed, fleet vehicles and usage, drinking water, wastewater treatment, fertilizer.
9. Tree canopy assessment (Cindy)

10. Elm Street Parking Lot renovation (Cindy)
11. Ann: Plant 1000 trees in Walkersville, from 2p to 4p, sign up at Streamlink
12. Ann: proposal for 2020 ballot that Maryland add healthy green Maryland amendment guaranteeing citizens to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment. Informative talk March 3 at 2 pm 723 north Market Street, Friends Meeting House, free parking and snacks!
13. Green Team Action Plan (Cindy) - how might members help with action items
14. March meeting date – third Tuesdays from now on – March 19th
15. PLANT award – should hear in mid-March