

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2019

Attendees: Cindy Unangst, Joyce Tuten, Mark Carney, Rick Dietrick, Jamie Moore, Ed McDonald

1. February meeting minutes approved
2. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 16 (5 to 6:30)
3. Green Expo
 - a. Date – April 27, 2019 (10 am TO 3 pm)–Green Street (closed from Church Street to Elm Street), we will be in Garage Alley most likely. There will be food vendors, kids crafts, and live music (coordinated by Main Street Middletown). Still working on logistics.
 - b. All Shred is available and has the date reserved. Conservit (metal recycling) may be available.
 - 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 (local CSA), Munro Properties, DNR Scales & Tales, Yuk Old Paint, Mid-Maryland Mobile Repair, Tower Garden (aeroponics), Frederick County Office of Recycling, Fox haven Farm, Natural Lawn, Creation Care Team (Holy Family Catholic), Clean Water Action (Maryland chapter), Key City Compost.
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. It was really HOT!
 - c. April – Edible Landscaping w/ Michael Judd – C. Burr Artz Library – Thursday, April 11 (7pm to 8 pm)
 - d. May 11 (10:30 to 2) – Master Gardener presentation Donielle Axeline – UME – Saturday, May 11
 - e. August – Recycling with Annmarie Creamer – C. Burr Artz Library - Thursday, August 1 – 6:30-7:30pm
5. MEA grant (Cindy): 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.