

## Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2019

Attendees: Mark Carney, Agnesanne Danehey, Rick Dietrick, Doug Martin, Jamie Moore, Sean O'Keefe, Ann Payne, Joyce Tuten, Cindy Unangst

1. March meeting minutes approved
2. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 21 (5 to 6:30)
3. Green Expo
  - a. Saturday – April 27<sup>th</sup> – 10-3:00
  - b. All Shred – 10:00-12:00
    - i. Parking lot behind bank, signs will be posted for one-way entrance/exit and map will be added to Facebook
  - c. Rain Barrels/Compost containers – 12:00-2:00
    - i. Same parking lot as All Shred. People also shredding in the morning, can pick up their items early
    - ii. People will have a paid receipts from the town. We will have a Sign In Form to keep track of customers.
      1. Rain Barrels
        - a. Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> is last day to order/pay at Town Hall
        - b. residents only \$40 (town subsidizes cost) – these must be ordered
        - c. We will also Raffle one Rain Barrel (a second is raffled at Heritage Day)
      2. Compost containers – 19/35 sold
        - a. Can be purchased on the spot. We will have a Cash Box.
        - b. Residents \$25, Non-Residents \$35
  - d. The new banners are up – they look great!
  - e. Exhibitors
    - i. Cindy will email maps and info to vendors. They must bring their own tent/tables. Booth locations are first come, first served. Arrive 7:30-9:00. Cars removed NLT 9:00. Booth ready by 9:30. Vendors can park at Custom Marble, Amvets, Elm St
    - ii. Coloring the Street – exhibitors arrive via Jefferson
    - iii. Green Expo – exhibitors arrive via Garage Alley (set up in grass behind Moore Ice Cream)
    - iv. Food & Wine – Nina Allevato, Grilled Cheese Truck, Wine Vendors
    - v. Music – including Paul Pfau (MHS grade, Voice)
    - vi. Kids Area – Imagination Station, Valley School, Library
    - vii. Volunteers
      1. Girl Scouts (Jen Z's troop)
      2. Caroline Nair (Catoctin Creek Nature Center)
      3. Lacey has a volunteer sign-up sheet
      4. Joyce will contact MHS for students who could earn SSL hours
      5. Joyce will also contact Frederick News Post about listing event in Monday's "6 things to know this week"
    - viii. Green Team Table
      1. Set up as usual (information about Sustainable MD, Pollinator Resolution, toilet leak tablets, pens, raffle for rain barrel, worms, Joyce will bring clipboards)
    - ix. Cindy will be at event by 7:30 – anyone can come early to help too!

4. Green Lecture Series
  - a. April 11<sup>th</sup> – 17 people attended
  - b. Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Donielle Axline – 10:30-2:00 – Stormwater Management & Backyard Sustainability
  - c. Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10am – hike – Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin
  - d. August – maybe the Monarch Alliance – Ann Payne wants to know if we will sponsor them for a Green Talk. We will try to put it in the town newsletter with the Water Bill
  
5. Keep Maryland Beautiful Grant
  - a. We didn't get grant, but Main Street Middletown did. We are not sure what they plan to use the money for.
  
6. PLANT Award (People Living And Nurturing Trees)
  - a. 2018 – we got a Bronze Award (single event)
  - b. 2019 - we just got a Silver Award (formative program)
  - c. Gold (development program) and Green Awards (sustained programs) higher
  
7. Tree Canopy Assessment
  - a. GIS expert helped Cindy condense data from the county
  - b. Town maps of Percent Tree Canopy is very informative – older homes and areas are “green” and parks and newer neighborhoods are red (few trees!)
  - c. We would like to put together a tree planting program for the town, to increase our Percent Tree Canopy
    - i. Info for homeowners, set goals for increasing, make state coupons (DNR \$25 for a native tree) available, Ann wants to contact friends from Louisville about their grants to buy trees. We could train homeowners.
  - d. In the fall, when tree planting opportunities return, we would like to be underway with a project
  - e. Garden Center is donating 2 dogwood trees to be planted around perimeter of East Green St Parking lot (corner of N. Church Street and E. Green Street)
    - i. Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Arbor Day – maybe 3:30 – plant 1<sup>st</sup> tree
    - ii. Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Green Expo – plant 2<sup>nd</sup> tree
  
8. Sustainable Maryland Certified application will be due end of June to renew status
  - a. UMD Student working on our Municipal Carbon Footprint
  - b. Cindy concerned that town paper is not recycled. Not sure if printer can handle it. Joyce will check with copier and paper options. Sean suggested looking into another seller.
  
9. Misc
  - a. Next week – Cindy needs help making signs, if anyone is available
  - b. Need to make sure Doug is on our email distribution list
  - c. Ann will send McDonald's and Ed's email
  - d. Mark and Cindy will check in again with Drew about the Food Bank solar panels
  - e. Creek at Middletown Park
    - i. We would like to see an improvement from the county in improving the health of the first order stream (start of Cone Branch Creek) that runs into the pond
    - ii. County Contractor said discussion of adding a riparian zone around the creek, will be added to the Planning information
    - iii. The whole park has a lot of “wetlands” that shouldn't be mowed. Trees and buttonbush and other plants could be planted instead, to improve the stream health.
    - iv. At Green Expo we can talk to Frederick County Office of Sustainability

- v. Agnesanne will talk to Jerry Donald
- vi. Mark will talk to Park Manager
- vii. Joyce will talk to local fishing group
- f. Ann will talk to Debbie (Creation Care Team) about doing a devotional before the Green Expo begins