

July Sustainability Committee meeting July 16, 2019

Meeting minutes

Attendees: Cindy Unangst, Agnesanne Danehey, Jamie Moore, Ann Payne, Bill Heaton, Dana Heaton, Sean O'Keefe

1. June meeting minutes approved
2. Green Expo
 - a. Date for next year – April 25th. Local Forestry Board plans to attend. Partner with Coloring the Street event again? Coloring the Street event is planned for April 25th and hopes to be on Main Street next year.
3. 2019 Green Lecture Series
 - a. July – Frederick Food Security Network – C. Burr Artz Library lecture and garden tour – Saturday, July 13th – 10:15am, about a dozen people attended.
 - b. August – Recycling with Annmarie Creamer – C. Burr Artz Library - Thursday, August 1 – 6:30-7:30pm. August 11: Ann will be giving a talk about Monarchs
 - c. September is about bees and October is a speaker from The Nature Conservancy
 - d. Waneta from the Middletown Library is interested in partnering with us on a program related to clean water in connection with the 2019 MD One Book book of the year entitled “What the Eyes Don’t See”. Drew will lead a tour of the East Wastewater Treatment Plant on Saturday, October 26th at 11:00am.
 - e. December: information about the PG county organics composting facility
4. Sustainable Communities application and SMC re-application (Cindy): Cindy has finished the application and submitted it.
5. Municipal Carbon Footprint inventory (Cindy): UMD student is still working on this
6. Maryland Urban and Community Forest grant program (Cindy): Maximum of \$1000, Cindy submitted an application. Plan to use funds to purchase trees to plant along Middletown Parkway, plan to use volunteers to plant the trees.
7. Tree canopy assessment (Cindy) – working with a consultant on the 18th of this month
8. Tree planting – Elm Street parking lot (Cindy): Little leaf linden, inkberries, purple coneflowers, black-eyed susans, and switch grass
9. No-Idle zones at schools (Ann): Ann sent letter to school board and county officials about idling policy around schools. Terry Alban will try to put this on the school board agenda. Meyersville environmental club has had parents sign a pledge not to idle around the schools. Agnesanne recommended that the Green Team members attend school board meetings to promote this idea. Joyce to write letter to newspaper about this issue. Dana to speak with new principal at MES.
10. Composting program for Middletown Elementary School (Cindy, Ann, Dana, Sean, Mark): will need \$2000/school year to fund composting program. Also possible SHARE table? Lisa

Orr can be a good resource. Joe Richardson overcommitted for the fall, but may be able to assist in January. Possibly also get an environmental club started at MES. MES has a National Science Honor Society, they may want to get involved in composting program or idling issue.

11. Pollinator meadow at solar array (Mark)
12. Streetlight buy-back program (Cindy and Mark)
13. Heritage Festival – Saturday, September 28th. Maybe have poster/fliers/pledge/petition at Green Team table.
14. August meeting date – third Tuesday – August 20th
15. MEA solar panel project (Cindy)