



Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2017

ATTENDEES: Cindy Unangst, Mark Carney, Ann Payne, Joyce Tuten, Sean O'Keefe, Rick Dietrick, Andrea Kaleta,

1. Meeting minutes – minutes from January were approved.
2. MEA grant application – Cindy discussed the grant along with the need for the committee to help draft an action plan for the town to approve before November.
3. Budget – Cindy went over the proposed budget.
4. Green Expo – Saturday, April 29th 10am-2pm
 - a. Shredding event – Cindy shared the news about All Shred being able to provide the shredding service from noon – 2pm in the medical center parking lot. She also raised the idea of have a drop off for metal recycling which was discussed.
 - b. Vendors/organizations/booths – Cindy said she looked over the list of vendors from Boonsboro's Greenfest and reached out to the ones that we might be interested in having. We have had a few respond back. There was discussion about particular vendors who have expressed interest in participating and we decided which met our parameters and which didn't. Joyce agreed to draft a policy/guidelines outlining the criteria we would use in determining which vendors could participate and also which ones to charge a fee to beginning next year. Cindy indicated that we really need to have a photographer at the event this year.
5. Green team t-shirts – Joyce suggested that we use vests instead which could then be passed on to new members when other members leave the committee. Cindy agreed to look into this.
6. EarthPlanter planting session – Sean discussed the Green Team helping to determine plants for and to help plant the 30 or so new planters that will be installed along Main Street. The planting day is planned to be Saturday, June 3rd. Cindy will invite Master Gardener Ellen West to our next meeting to seek her advice.

7. Bee-keeping ordinance – Ann briefly went thru some comments she had on the draft she presented. It was agreed that committee members should look it over and provide comments/questions to each other using track changes.
8. New member suggestions – Cindy told the committee that Lewis Corl was no longer going to be a member of the committee due to health issues. There was discussion about inviting others who might be interested to join us.
9. Dr. Tangren visit on Tuesday, the 21st at 1:00pm – Ann briefly reiterated what this project is all about and we discussed the location at Wiles Branch Park. The project is a demonstration pollinator meadow that Master Gardeners are being recruited to help maintain.
10. Next meeting date – March 15, 2017

Meeting adjourned.