

Town of University Park

Sustainability Committee

Tuesday, 10 Jan 2023

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Ralph Dubayah, Jenny Glenn, Joe Thompson, David Brosch, MarySue Twohy, Patricia Williams Dugueye, Steven Hurtt

Agenda

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes (6-0)
2. Updates on previous business
 - a. Sustainable Maryland (J. Thompson)
 - RD will invite Mike Hunninghake to Feb 7 mtg to discuss Sustainable Maryland efforts for this year
 - b. Garage RFPs
 - Plan is with the Town attorney, and still under her review. SC want to see before it goes to council. RD will ask when it will be available.
 - RD will ask at TC meeting about status of Garage and Park Plans
3. New Business
 - a. Bee City Resolution (R. Dubayah)
 - Resolutions were edited for submission to Town Council
 - \$100 annual fee
 - Bee City USA can send artwork for sign once application is received and approved
 - b. Pollinator Seeding
 - No date is set yet. **Proposed Sat March 11 at 10 AM**
 - **Need to buy seed for re-seeding/ need to mark area to mow meadow (1/3)**
 - **SC will ask the Town for money to support food/refreshments (about \$300)**
 - **Hope to install Pollinator Houses in Meadow. Bat House?**
 - c. Stream Clean-up
 - Need to set a date and advertise - Do we do **Sat April 22 Earth Day at 10 AM ET.**
 - d. Meadow Day
 - Likely scheduled for end of **June 17 / 24?** Will confirm.
 - Looking at Native Plant Swap
 - Hoping to do site visits after Meadow Day.
 - Add food as componet
 - e. A north county composting facility report out on Jan 5 meeting (D. Brosch)

- 6 local jurisdictions attended, including University Park, College Park, Hyattsville, Riverdale, Laurel
 - Need about 2 acres for a site
 - Have commitment for about \$190K in equipment from Sustainable Generation
 - RD will raise topic at council meeting to keep council aware
 - f. Sustainable town operations and regular reports from a town administrator, public works and police chiefs on their practices
 - SC has concerns that Town policies and implementation consider sustainability throughout the life cycle of the proposed project
 - SC proposes to partner with Town committees at the onset of policy and implementation decisions and before those decisions are finalized
 - Perhaps have a joint meeting with public works to help find sustainable solutions
 - Ask for a short presentation to other committees (RD)
 - g. Follow up on the PEPCO energy efficiency program and the town's composting collection program. (D. Brosch)
 - David asked Alex if folks were getting energy audits, taking advantage of rebates, etc. Will try to get that information for us.
 - Should perhaps re-advertise this to town residents (newsletter/listserv)
 - h. County Climate Action Plan
 - Joe attending many meetings towards helping county implement recommendations and priorities
 - Joe is pushing for storm water management
 - i. Town Bus Program
 - SC would like to speak with Transit Committee to provide input on program and/or look at draft (RD will ask Transit chair)
4. Other Business
- Suggest to Mayor that we have an insert on composting (either in the newsletter or as a separate mailing). Dave will work on a FAQ for composting.
5. Adjourn

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