

Charleston Green Team Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 19, 2021

The Charleston Green Team met at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present were Chair Emmett Pepper, team members Linda Frame, Patti Hamilton, James Young,, advisory member Pam Nixon, City Council member Caitlin Cook, and Brent Webster.

Minutes from the July 20th & August 17th meeting were approved. No meeting was held in September, 2021.

Chair Emmett asked for a moment of silence to honor the late Council member John Kennedy Bailey, who regularly attended our meetings and was responsible for the formation of the Green Team.

Emmett introduced Council member Caitlin Cook who was appointed to replace Bailey as chair of the Environment & Recycling Committee. She discussed the American Rescue Plan as a potential source of funds for Green Team proposals.

Landfill Update: Emmett introduced guest Sam Strickland, PE, Landfill Engineer, who explained tipping fees and the life of the landfill. The city gets \$2.25 per ton from the \$40/ton tipping fee. The landfill will be out of space by 2026 but there are plans to expand. An increase in the tipping fee will be required.

Monthly educational talk show/call-in meeting concept: This idea was discussed previously among Emmett, Patti, & Linda as a means to educate the public about recycling. Patti described the confusion that many people have regarding recycling, adding that resources are needed to help people with recycling and reusing "stuff," particularly in the case of a person's death, and that we could possibly partner with private businesses to provide education. Linda added ideas of using Zoom or Facebook Live and Caitlin said education is crucial. We could possibly team up with the county, include kids, and use Mountain State Update radio show. James said DEP has some good information and resources. We also discussed getting city bins, possibly with federal funds, and reinforcing messaging on the bins and possibly on magnets. Chair Emmett appointed Patti, Linda, & James to follow up as the "education committee."

Updates:

Energy - Emmett said there has been interest from the EPA to help implement the benchmarking bill

Communications - Caitlin suggested getting city of Charleston to share our FB posts that Linda has posted; Patti will try to do a report from the Green Team at an upcoming city council meeting

Recycling at public events: Shout out to Rowan Zoeller for her work and also her catering business.

Other Business / Announcements:

Emmett noted that in a ranking of recycling rates, WV was 50th.

The next meeting is November 16, 2021 @ 5:30.

Linda moved and Emmett seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Hamilton