

Charleston Green Team Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 16, 2021

The Charleston Green Team met at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present were team members Linda Frame, Patti Hamilton, James Young, advisory member Pam Nixon, City Council member Caitlin Cook, Brent Webster, and Nicole Smith. There was not a quorum present so no action items were taken up.

Minutes from the October meeting will be approved at a subsequent meeting.

Our Chair Emmett Pepper has been appointed to serve on City Council. Members will select a new chair at a subsequent meeting.

Pedestrian safety and walkability were discussed due to a recent pedestrian death. Caitlin will check into getting accident data from CPD and Matt Hartline from Traffic & Streets Dept. There was consensus to begin studying and assessing walkability in January. Suggestions for information include Dennis Strawn with WV Connecting Communities and Charleston Area Alliance.

Our guest Corey Zinn discussed communications and education for recycling. He developed a flyer with graphics in 2019. We discussed possibly sending this out as a postcard and possibly targeting certain areas. Linda suggested we develop a multi-prong plan for recycling education.

Guest Alex Gallo noted there was a grant from DEP in 2019 to develop communications and Beckley has an active education program in schools. Director Webster said our current outreach to schools is limited. James said there is \$15 million for recycling education in the new federal infrastructure bill.

Corey proposed an idea for a certification program for green businesses.

Linda provided an update on communications. She has talked with City Communications Specialist Mackenzie Spencer and we will have a press event for recycling when we have some videos and communications prepared.

Other Business / Announcements:

Caitlin will talk with the Mayor about our team appointee. It was determined that we need a special meeting for selecting a chair. Nicole will send out a communication to select a date. We also noted that we need to develop a structure for our meetings and process. Currently, the next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 21st but we may change that based on outcome of our special meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Hamilton

