

Green Team Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2022

Attendees: Patti Hamilton, Linda Frame, Justin Marlowe, Ted Ambrecht, Rod Watkins, and Nikki Smith. Patti called the meeting to order at 12:00.

Rod moved and Ted seconded to approve the minutes from February 15, 2022 meeting. Unanimous.

Patti discussed the proposal from Gorilla recycling. Emmett Pepper could not be at today's meeting but let Patti know he thought the proposal has been improved. Ted expressed concerns about the Green Team not officially recommending the proposal before sending it on.

Rod replied that there haven't been any other companies approaching the city with other proposals. The risk is on Gorilla to make it work. It is up to the City to go and talk to other agencies that are involved – solid waste authority and other involved communities.

Linda agreed with Rod that the proposal will be fully vetted by the Environment and Recycling (E&R) Committee, the City, and the City's legal department. Patti said that we have reached our level of authority and it is OK to move it on. Linda said there is nothing preventing us from searching for more options.

Patti asked for a motion. Rod moved that we send the proposal along to Chairman Cook, members of her Committee, and the Mayor. Linda seconded. Unanimous.

Next item was approval of letter to accompany the proposal. Language was added that it is the Green Team's recommendation that the E&R Committee request that Gorilla present to the Committee. It was decided to send to the Mayor, Councilmember Cook, and Nikki. Nikki will also print out copies for them and copy the Green Team.

Ted added that it is our job to review these types of proposals thoroughly and that we are in the position to recommend to the committee that they take the next steps. He'd like to see us do more exploration but is in agreement with us passing this along.

Ted moved to approve the cover letter to the proposal. Linda seconded. Unanimous. Patti will mail out next week.

Other business:

No new info on appointees to the Green Team.

The E&R committee did not meet in March – next meeting is in April.

Team up to clean up dates – Patti reminded members about them and encouraged us to attend. Nikki will send around a reminder.

Linda gave a communications update. She received materials from Tom Aluise with the WV DEP. She recommended that the committee meet to discuss how best to use the materials.

Ted is still researching where we can recycle glass. Huntington told him they are not recycling glass. Target in Barboursville still takes glass. He suggested we address our role in education.

Establishing 2022 priorities – this is our one-year anniversary meeting.

Patti's would like to make education about reducing, reusing and recycling a priority for us in 2022. Ted moved and Rod seconded. Unanimous.

Councilmember Pepper will be invited to our next meeting to talk about energy efficiency and how to prioritize the funds the Green Team has been given.

Linda suggested creating a wish list of priorities. She moved that we invite Councilmember Pepper to help us develop our 2022 priorities. Rod seconded. Rod mentioned that we have a existing list of priorities. Unanimous.

We can use our website and bylaws to help create a list for our April 2022 meeting.

Team Up to Clean Updates – Patti recommended we help spread the word to other organizations. She asked Nikki to get us the gathering places for each Saturday.

The next meeting is in person on April 19 in the A/V room on the 3rd floor of City Hall with an option to join virtually. It will be a lunch meeting noon to 1:30 PM. (Bring your own lunch.)

Rod moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:48PM