

Green Team Meeting Minutes February 15, 2023

Attendees: Patti Hamilton, Linda Frame, Jennifer Pawley, Dennis Strawn, Quenton King, Ted Armbrrecht, Stephanie Hysmith, Rowan Zoeller, Tomi Bergstrom, Councilmembers Joe Solomon and Emmett Pepper.

Patti called the meeting to order at 12:02. Quorum established.

Letter of support for Community Solar sent to Kanawha County delegation with 15 signatures from City Council. Patti thanked Jennifer and Quenton for their work to make this happen.

Quenton moved to adopt the minutes from the January 2023 meeting and Jennifer seconded. Unanimous.

Election of Vice Chair: Jennifer nominated Quenton. Linda seconded. Unanimous.

Pedestrian city code: Justin unable to attend today's meeting.

Bicycle Friendly Community designation: – Patti mentioned that we are sending recommendations but there is no City Manager. Dennis said that the deadline was today. The issue is tabled until March meeting.

Patti mentioned a Green Team logo and having a contest on our Facebook page.

Councilmember Pepper suggested that the Green Team package recommendations for a variety of designations into one. Patti asked everyone to research areas they are interested in and bring them back to the next meeting.

DC American Tour in Milton: on hold until a later date.

Green Team Bylaws: Patti discussed adding limits to Green Team member terms with Matt Sutton and Kevin Baker. Kevin suggested two consecutive terms of four years, then staggering future terms. We would need to add language to our bylaws about term limits and the process for amending bylaws. 2025 could be the end of the first term. Another idea to consider is codifying the Green Team, similar to the Beautification Commission. Councilmember Pepper recommended terms but without term limits. Linda asked about officer elections. Officer elections will be held at the March meeting. Quenton asked if Kevin would draft the bylaw changes. Quenton moved that the bylaws be changed to reflect creation of terms but not term limits for members. Jennifer seconded. Unanimous.

What To Do With Stuff: Patti suggested creating a pamphlet for people who are cleaning out a house and where they can take materials for recycling or proper disposal, including toxins.

Jennifer mentioned a grant writing service that charges a fee only if the grant is received. There is a lack of feedback on grant opportunity process. Councilmember Solomon mentioned that there isn't an office to take on the work if a grant is received. The Green Team could advocate for an office of Climate and Sustainability or other offices.

It was suggested to form a subcommittee of three. We could use some of Green Team's funds instead of applying for a grant. Jennifer, Patti, and Quenton volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Others can send info to the subcommittee so they can begin to compile. Stephanie also volunteered.

Green Team Priorities: next month is the start of our third year. Patti would like to spend some time honing in our work and listing our accomplishments and stating our future goals more specifically. Will narrow down priorities at next meeting.

Tree City USA – still pending as we await new City Manager.

Environment and Recycling Committee: No updates as committee has not met.

Communications: Linda will put info out on e-waste recycling on our Facebook page.

Gorilla proposal: the company has withdrawn its proposal.

Inflation Reduction Act: Quenton presented [a primer](#) of the opportunities in the Inflation Reduction Act. Preapproval paperwork needs to be submitted by Mayor's office. Dennis mentioned that federal money could be scaled back in two years. We do not know what the city has already applied for (Dennis has spoken to Matt Sutton). The city does have someone on retainer someone who is keeping track. Being codified could help with access to information. Quenton said that it would help if city engaged residents who would be impacted by the grant projects.

Yeager Runway extension project: no update.

Sports complex green initiative: Counsel has been hired by the county to move the project forward.

Glass Recycling Field Trip: Councilmember Solomon would like to join. Quenton volunteered and if others are interested, they can contact glasssmashwv@gmail.com or call 681-385-6820.

Announcements: none

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 15, 2023 on Zoom only from noon to 1:30 PM.

Quenton moved to adjourn. Unanimous.