

Charleston Green Team Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 27, 2021

The Charleston Green Team held its second meeting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Chair Emmett Pepper welcomed Team members Linda Frame, Justin Marlowe, Patti Hamilton, Ted Armbrecht, & Rod Watkins and they were joined by Brent Webster and Deputy City Clerk Nikki Smith.

Minutes from first meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

Guiding principles were reviewed. Linda made a motion to adopt the principles, Patti seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Each member was assigned at the first meeting to find two sustainability ideas to share with the team:

Emmett:

Composting, citing a Washington DC pick-up service as an example
Benchmarking city buildings for their energy use; retrofitting existing buildings

Patti:

Tree planting - Louisville, KY pays residents a \$30 rebate for each tree planted (up to 3)
Bike-sharing - Washington DC has a successful program (also check out Elkins' elevated bike trails)

Ted:

The Kanawha County trail plan for Upper Kanawha Valley
Investigate why glass is so difficult to recycle
Encourage property owners to get rid of kudzu and other invasive vines

Rod:

Bike trails
County Commission get behind recycling
Noted that city has composting facility in North Charleston

Linda:

Energy efficiency including solar panels in city buildings
FL has giant bins for all recyclables and trash & recycling are picked up on separate days. Green Team should visit recycling facilities.

Justin:

Concurred with recycling on different days & promotion by city to plant trees
Bike Sharing / Connect to rail trails

Aspects of recycling were discussed including what we want to accomplish and who will be main person to take the lead. Issues discussed & point person(s) to provide information at next meeting were:

- (1) types of carts or bins (toters) and how they work with trucks
- (2) market for glass - Ted
- (3) compost facility - Justin
- (4) economics of landfills - information to make a comparison with recycling
- (5) education & communication - Patti & Linda

Councilman John Bailey joined the meeting and informed the group that the city currently picks up curbside and transfers recycling to Beckley. As chair of the City Council's environmental committee, they are actively looking to bring recycling back to Charleston and a collection point for glass is a goal.

Under non-recycling issues to address: The goal by consensus for next month's meeting is to have a recommendation to approve for presentation to City Council on energy efficient buildings. Emmett will take the lead on this

Announcements: Sign up for and share information about Team Up to Clean Up opportunities.

The next meeting is set for June 1st at 5:30 pm. Meeting adjourned.