

Charleston Green Team Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 1, 2021

The Charleston Green Team held its third meeting at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present were Chair Emmett Pepper, team members Linda Frame, Patti Hamilton, Ted Armbrecht, & Rod Watkins, and advisory member Pam Nixon.

Minutes from previous meetings will be approved at the next meeting.

Emmett introduced John Balfe of Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) for a presentation on Building Energy Benchmarking.

Following the presentation, the proposed letter asking for support and accompanying proposed ordinance for the Mayor were discussed. Emmett said the 4 main aspects of the ordinance are:

- (1) measuring & benchmarking all city owned buildings (similar to HB 2667 passed this legislative session with same goal for state buildings)
- (2) audit all meters & streetlights by July 1, 2023
- (3) establish a plan to reduce energy usage by 25% by 2030
- (4) evaluate appropriateness of solar panels for city buildings

There will be an annual report every December and a progress review in August 2026.

It was properly moved and seconded to send the letter and proposed ordinance to the mayor. The motion passed unanimously.

Updates:

Communications: Both Linda & Patti are admins now on Green Team Facebook page. We hope to meet with Emmett soon and learn what resources we will have.

Morgantown's Green Team web site is a good model.

Composting: Justin & Emmett met with Councilman Bailey and Amy Parsons White to discuss a composting facility being implemented for Marshall University.

Recycling Glass: Ted was not able to learn what Target in Barboursville does with glass.

Recycling Facility Update: Rod met with Councilman Bailey and they looked at recycling equipment. He did a virtual tour of a system in Colorado but a major missing piece of information is who would be participating in recycling - city, region??

Brent Webster discussed composting. The city will take bagged yard waste and tree limbs go into chipper. All chipped stuff and fall leaves can be mixed & stored at the composting facility but there are lots of problems with capability to do anything else. People can pick it up off season (not grass cutting time) for free.

Announcements:

Emmett announced the next meeting will be June 29 @ 5:30. He put out a request for

public policy issues that the city could support.

Pam Nixon announced that the Climate Justice Committee is interested in walkability in Charleston and adding benches for bus stops or for rest stops while walking.

Linda announced that the Environmental Council will start a series of Town Hall meetings with DEP. The first one is June 17 @ 5:30.

After the June meeting, monthly meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday. July's meeting is July 20th.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Hamilton