

Charleston Green Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

12:00 – 1:30 pm

The meeting will take place in person and over Zoom at the following link:

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AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Adopting the minutes from meeting on March 15, 2023

New Business:

1. Nominate Recommendations to Mayor to fill Green Team vacancy
2. Presentation by Morgan King, climate campaign coordinator at the West Virginia Rivers Coalition
3. Recommendation for hiring consultant for implementation plan of benchmarking legislation

Unfinished Business:

1. Approval of Bicycle Friendly Community Designation Letter/Looking into Other Designation Opportunities
2. Date for Tour of DC America in Milton
3. Review Green Team Priorities/Plan - Subcommittee Report
4. Discussion for spending plan for \$77,000 from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (main criteria is the project reduces carbon emissions)

Updates:

- A. City Council Environment & Recycling Committee – Chair Brent Burton
- B. Communications – Linda Frame & Patti Hamilton
- C. Opportunities in the Inflation Reduction Act
- D. Yeager Airport Runway Extension Project
- E. Sports Complex Green Initiatives
- F. Tree City USA
- G. Glass Recycling Field Trip
- H. Information/Partnerships on “What To Do With Stuff” - Report from Subcommittee

Announcements

Next meeting: (3rd Wednesday is May 17, 2023)

Adjournment

Green Team Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2023

Attendees: Patti Hamilton, Linda Frame, Jennifer Pawley, Dennis Strawn, Quenton King, Justin Marlow, Stephanie Hysmith, Rowan Zoeller, Tomi Bergstom, Brent Webster, and Councilmember Emmett Pepper.

Patti called the meeting to order at 12:02. Quorum established. She noted that this is the Green Team's second anniversary.

Quenton moved to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Stephanie noted a typo in section on Green Team bylaws. Jennifer seconded. Unanimous.

Election of officers: Quenton moved to nominate a slate of officers to include Patti for Chair, Quenton for Vice Chair, and Linda for Secretary for a one-year term. Jennifer seconded. Unanimous.

By-law amendments: Linda moved that we accept both amendments, one to provide for amending bylaws and one to set term for appointed members. Quenton seconded. Unanimous.

Patti suggested that the new officers meet with the Mayor and the new City Manager.

City Pedestrian Code: Code is almost 100 years old but appears to be up to date and in line with what our communities do. There was discussion about new signage for pedestrian crossings. Councilmember Pepper suggested that the Green Team suggest two or three locations.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG): Councilmember Pepper said that City Council would like to know the Green Team's priorities. He suggested the Green Team provide recommendations for spending. This grant is provided noncompetitive funds of \$77,000 and a letter of intent has to be submitted by end of April. A plan is into place in the fall (Sept) tied to Greenhouse Gas reductions. The Mayor has suggested Green Team come up with a plan on how to spend the \$77,000.

Linda suggested Green Team members meet with the Mayor to talk about process, how best to interact with Mayor and council, and how best to present our recommendations, perhaps submitting a monthly report.

Councilmember Pepper suggested compiling a comprehensive but short list of recommendations for the Mayor. Stephanie offered to research different designations such as the bicycle-friendly effort. There are walkability and other areas that we could research. Jennifer suggested a priority list be created. Designations should have some data for comparison. Why would it work here? Is there money?

Will hold off for now on bicycle recommendation. Subcommittee formed with Dennis, Quenton, Stephanie, and Patti.

Tour in Milton: Emmett suggested a Doodle poll to gauge availability.

Green Team Priorities: Patti recapped our priorities. She asked everyone to name our number one area of interest: Patti (walkability), Rowan (recycling), Quenton (Environmental Justice), Jennifer (Renewable Energy), Stephanie (single-use plastic), Linda (public education on our priorities), Dennis (non-motorized transportation), Justin (green mobility for walking and hiking), Tomi (reducing non-point source pollution, providing stormwater management and greenspaces, making city more walkable and bikeable).

Environment and Recycling Committee: No updates as committee has not met. New chair is Brent Burton.

Communications: Linda will include info on e-waste recycling on Facebook page.

Inflation Reduction Act: Quenton said that an EV charging grant has come out and it can be included in comprehensive overview for Mayor.

Yeager Runway extension project: no update.

Tree City USA – Beautification Commission is coordinating with Mayor's office and new city manager. It could be a proclamation from the Mayor. Chris Higgins is new arborist for the Spring Hill cemetery and may become City Arborist. Director Webster said issues were resolved and City Manager needs to sign off on it. There will be a tree planting on Arbor Day, April 28.

Recycling bins: Director Webster said that people are still requesting recycling bins. Less than 500 left. Not ready to include businesses.

Glass Recycling Field Trip: Quenton has volunteered. Can go last week of month and volunteer in April and/or May. Bill passed to allow more than one vehicle.

Community Solar: did not pass this session. Discussion of what happened.

Announcements: What to do with stuff subcommittee will have another meeting.

Patti will invite new City Manager and Councilmember Brent Burton to our next meeting taking place Wednesday, April 17, 2023 from noon to 1:30 PM in person.

Meeting adjourned at 1:21PM.