

Charleston Green Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

12:00 – 1:30 pm

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89879819600?pwd=QlRwdVR0dk40UEN0ZXZVTmM3dkxHZz09>

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AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Adopting the minutes from meeting on July 19, 2023

New Business:

1. Facilitator for Green Team Strategic Plan - Approve RFP/Scope of Work
2. Approve Three (at least) Facilitators to Respond to RFP
3. Position on Yeager Airport Runway Extension Project

Unfinished Business: None

Committee Reports:

1. EECBG Development of Plan Committee
2. What to Do with Stuff Committee
3. Designations Committee

Updates:

- A. City Council Environment & Recycling Committee – Chair Brent Burton
- B. Communications – Linda Frame & Patti Hamilton
- C. Opportunities in the Inflation Reduction Act
- D. Sports Complex Green Initiatives
- E. Tree City USA
- F. Consultant for Benchmarking legislation
- G. Recycling Facility Proposal
- H. Green Team Logo
- I. Clean Energy to Communities

Announcements

Next meeting: (3rd Wednesday is Sept. 20)

Adjournment

Green Team Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2023

Attendees: Patti Hamilton, Linda Frame, Ted Armbricht, Justin Marlowe, Jennifer Pawley, Dennis Strawn, Quenton King, Rowan Zoeller, Director Brent Webster, Councilmember Beth Kerns, and Terri Allen with the City of Charleston Parking Department.

Patti called the meeting and quorum established. Ted moved to approve the minutes from June 2023. Justin seconded. Unanimous.

New Business

Terri Allen, Director of City Parking, talked about the City's EV charging station. Current stations were donated, are type 2 chargers, and located on level one of the garage next to City Hall. Any time that parking is free the customer can charge for free. Only fee is for parking. Terri provided a memo with information/details. City is not breaking even or making a profit. Equipment will need weight and measures information even for private businesses. Parking garage inspections coming up. Quenton asked who is responsible for maintaining the chargers. City Council sets parking rates via ordinance. Councilmember Kerns suggested installing solar panels to provide the energy.

Quenton asked how Green Team can help. Charleston Coliseum might be next place to add. Councilmember Kerns said that in the future will not be able to charge for free as more EV cars are on the road. Tracking devices were installed on existing chargers at City's expense. June 2023 was the biggest usage to date. Capitol Market and Patrick Street would be good locations to help prevent parking garage fires. Need guidelines about how people are charging at home due to cable across the sidewalk and across properties. May need ordinances.

Updates

Update from Director Webster: There are about 400 bins left and they are still being distributed as needed. May need to order more in the future. It costs \$175/ton send recycling to Beckley. Rowan asked how recycling went during Regatta and if bins will be out for Foam on the Dome. Vendors asked for recycling bins.

Update on Gorilla Proposal: New financing has been set up. There was an investor scam with the original proposal. Linda moved and Justin seconded that Patti reply to Gorilla requesting they send an updated proposal to the City Manager, copying the Green Team, and to alert us if there are any major differences between the new and original proposals. Unanimous. Rowan recommended we look into Rumpke which handles Huntington recycling. Patti said she will check with Director Webster.

Green Team logo: Patti has two designers who would donate their time. Councilmember Kerns said event leaders should request recycling bins and added that Mayor might be looking at

changing City logo. Patti shared a photo of the tree in Spring Hill Cemetery/Arboretum that inspired the City's current logo. Director Webster said that vendors need to request a bin ahead of time if they are an offsite group.

Facilitator for Green Team strategic plan: Ted moved and Quenton seconded that we use Green Team funds to hire a facilitator. Councilmember Kerns recommended Leslie Stone. Patti will check on protocol for accessing funds.

Unfinished Business

Designations: Patti suggested a package of designations that the City can seek. A committee was established to research various designations and come back with 3 or 4 to include in the strategic plan. Dennis, Jennifer, and Rowan volunteered to be on the committee.

Additional Updates

Strategic plan: no update.

New Green Team member: Patti checked with Mayor and the new member will be confirmed at the August 7 City Council meeting.

What to do with Stuff committee: Chart attached and shared that uses Councilmember Solomon's suggestions for layout. Councilmember Beth Kerns offered to clean up Google/Excel sheet. Chuck Hamsher with Purple Moon can help. Rowan suggested adding grease to the list.

Environment and Recycling Committee: no updates as it has not met.

Communications: Regular postings on Facebook. New sheet of recycling info from WV DEP. Rowan asked for copies to hand out at Live on the Levee. Councilmember Kerns suggested adding QR code to add to a Facebook post and Green Team website.

Note: Zoom connection lost here for a few minutes/missing in recording as well.

Coonskin Park/Runway Extension: Councilmember Kerns may introduce City Council resolution and urged the Green Team to take a position.

Tree City USA: Application will start this fall and include 100-tree initiative with emphasis in low-income areas. 50 locations already located.

Benchmarking consultant: \$20,000 has been set aside. Update at future meeting.

The next meeting is August 16, 2023 from noon – 1:30 PM, City Hall, 3rd Floor. Meeting adjourned at 1:36PM