

Green Team Meeting – February 21, 2024

Called to order at 12:02pm by Quenton King / Quorum was established

Attendees in person – Quenton King, Robin Sylvester, Patti Hamilton, Jessica Wintz-Adams, Ben Mishoe, Brent Webster

Via Zoom – Linda Frame, Andrew Earley, Jered Lanham, Rowan Zoeller

Motion to adopt January 2024 minutes by Patti, 2nd by Robin, all in favor to adopt

NEW BUSINESS

1. *E-Day report out* – it was successful with positive interaction & passing along information. The tablecloth was a success!

2/3. *GT vacancy / Vice Chair* -We have the option to send names to the Mayor to consider for vacancy and will do so by next Wed Feb. 28th. Ryan Hough or possibly one of the advisory members. Should we fill the vice-chair position? Quenton will check with Justin Marlowe if he would be interested. Patti also suggested having a full Board by the time our strategic plan takes effect.

Unfinished Business – none

Committee Reports:

1. *What to do with Stuff* – people were and are pleased with the information being dispersed.

2. *EECBG Proposal* – Councilperson Pepper will send out email that Quenton has prepared for technical assistance. Basically the federal government helps create an energy plan for the city of Charleston regarding usage and emissions.

3. *Communications* – will start meeting the Fri before the GT mtg. Sent email to Mayor on helping with Arbor Day possibly assisting the Beautification Commission. Charleston has been acknowledged as a Tree City USA/we should receive 2 nice signs. Still waiting on dates for Clean-up days. Director Webster thinks it will be 3 or 4 days in April/May. The “100 Trees Planted” program has begun.

Recycling – There has been quite some confusion regarding the discrepancies between city blue bins, Slack Street, and REAP. A lengthy debated Facebook discussion occurred after the Recycling Board Exhibit created by Rowan was posted at the Environmental Day event. Most specifically thermo-molded #1 containers; the City says all #1s with no exception, REAP says #1s excluding thermos-molded #1s. When a specific answer is received, the GT could create a QR code on a sticker to place on refrigerators, trash containers, etc. to make a quick easy reference on what goes where. Reduce, reuse, recycle is still the essential message as mentioned by Director Webster.

3rd anniversary as the Green Team – op-ed draft can be written to inform the public about current GT activities.

Move to accept Committee report by Patti, 2nd by Robin, all in favor.

UPDATES

A. *GT Strategic Plan Facilitation* -Evan will be our point person as Joey James has taken another position.

B. *City Council Environment & Recycling Committee* - no update

C. *Charleston Dept. of Public Works* – Per Director Webster, the transfer station looking to be completed late summer 2025 which Waste Management says will accept everything including glass hopefully. Use the BLUE BINS. Quenton asked about current contaminated loads which Jered says “yes, the contaminated loads will go to the landfill.” The transfer station will have drop-offs for the public.

D. *Sports Complex Green Initiatives* – no update

E. *Consultant for Benchmarking Legislation* - wrap the EECBG assistance into this benchmarking legislation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Motion to adjourn at 12:41pm by Quenton, 2nd by Patti.