

Green Team Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2024

Attendees: Quenton King, Linda Frame, Dennis Strawn, Stephanie Hysmith, Councilmember Pepper, Andrew Earley, Ryan Hough, and guest Nancy Bruns.

Quenton called the meeting to order at 12:04PM.

Quenton moved to add discussion of the West Side solar project to the agenda. Linda seconded. Unanimous.

Linda moved that April minutes be accepted. Andrew seconded. Unanimous.

New Business

Quenton welcomed Nancy Bruns, member of the Capital Sports Complex Development Association, to the meeting to discuss sustainability ideas for the project. Ideas discussed included: compostable containers for food, water fountains instead of single-use bottles, cleaning supplies for laundry, towels made from sustainable materials (bamboo), and materials for flooring, carpet, and walls made from recycled materials). The building's HVAC will tie into the Convention Center. Construction starts in December and plans should be settled before then. It was recommended that the facility strive for LEED certification.

The five-member committee will have to approve any recommendations. The Green Team will send a list of recommendations to Mayor Goodwin, and copy Nancy who will make the list an agenda item for the Committee's next meeting. The Green Team is welcome to attend.

Additional ideas were green roof (greenspace or solar panels) (Quenton) and bike and scooter parking (Ryan). Linda asked if EV chargers could be installed. This will need to wait until parking garage issues are settled. Other ideas were using local foods, sustainable cleaning products, non-toxic materials in the day care center non-toxic things, and recycling materials in court flooring.

Discussion also included membership waivers for low-income residents.

The Convention center is LEED certified silver. Councilmember Pepper said that part of that certification is that food needs to be composted. Currently it is being dehydrated. The Green Team and Association could work with the City to create compost solutions.

PODA cups: Green Team members have talked with City Manager Mishoe about switching to reusable cups. A Committee including Quenton, Linda, Andrew will talk to the Kanawha/Charleston Health Department and report back to City Manager

West Side Solar microgrid program: a representative of the program will be invited to a future Green Team meeting.

Unfinished Business

Vice Chair vacancy - Linda volunteered to be Vice Chair until end of year. Andrew moved to nominate her and Ryan seconded. Unanimous.

Strategic plan – final draft is due on Monday July 22, 2024.

Committee Reports:

No updates from the What to With Stuff Committee.

Communication Committee - Linda read email from city resident about cigarette butt litter. Councilmember Pepper said he introduced a bill on this issue. Solutions discussed included placing a cigarette bin next to existing City trash cans. Smoking is banned in city parks which includes Slack Plaza and Haddad Riverfront Park. Councilmember Pepper suggested we reach out to the City's Business Improvement District, Lewis Payne or Chuck Hamsher, or Kevin, the manager at Blacksheep Burritos.

Councilmember Pepper suggested we invite Audrey Conn, Small Business Liaison with the City Services office to a future meeting.

No Environment and Recycling committee update.

Director Webster said plans are moving along with the new transfer station. Waste management will collect glass and other materials. There are blue bin requests still coming in and people can still use clear plastic bags.

Announcements:

A bill to create a City Climate Office was introduced including a budget of \$1 million a year. Assigned to Ordinance and Rules Committee, then Finance.

Quenton attended the Capital Connector press event.

Ryan attended Capitol Connection Bike Stakeholder meeting.

Linda moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:20.

Next meeting is August 21, 2024 at noon.