

Green Team Minutes

August 21, 2024

In Attendance: Quenton King, Robin Sylvester, Director Brent Webster, Stephanie Hysmith

Via Zoom: Patti Hamilton, Ryan Hough, Dennis Strawn, Linda Frame, Rowan Zoeller, Councilmember Emmett Pepper

Called to Order at 12:01pm – Quorum established

Ryan moved to approve the July minutes, Robin 2nd, all in favor of approval.

1. GREEN TEAM VACANCY

Discussion of losing Justin Marlowe as a founding member of the Green Team. We can submit bios for a new Board Member to the Mayor by next meeting.

Advisory Committee – GT can approve members, Quenton recommends Sam Nygard and will possibly check with her becoming a GT member since Justin was representing the West Side. Please have names in to Quenton by the second week of September.

2. STRATEGIC PLAN

Patti recommended presenting the Plan at City Council and to the Mayor. Quenton can present the Plan at next meeting two Mondays from now. Let's discuss at next GT meeting what our next move should be. Give Council a summarized version to include the "Action Plan". Putting it on our website & FB.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing this meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. What to do with Stuff? – possibly contact UC regarding making our "STUFF" into nicer looking & easier to disperse materials. Possibly reach out to estate planners, AARP, Senior centers, funeral homes. Also put on our website.

Motion to approve by Robin, 2nd by Ryan, all in favor to accept.

COMMUNICATIONS

No active meeting last month.

Motion to approve Ryan, 2nd by Linda, all in favor to accept.

PODA – should reach out to Health Dept. Linda & Councilmember Pepper met with the employee and the code states we can reuse the cups. We can make suggestions on the disconnect between cups, recycling, events, etc. Robin mentioned going to the music festival FloydFest in VA where there were no plastic cups whatsoever. A nice, commemorative aluminum tumbler had to be purchased for \$15 at the beginning of the event and used throughout for draft pours. All other purchased beverages were in cans. There were recycling bins EVERYWHERE for those and single use plastic bottles.

Director Webster will check to see if some of the bins have been stolen, and more can be ordered. Rowan had previously spoken to city employees who expressed concern that some may have been stolen.

Bill was passed over the summer to do away with pouring beer into cups at Haddad Riverfront Park. The Mayor told Councilmember Pepper there would be recycling at the 2025 Regatta.

Robin moved to approve the report, 2nd by Ryan, all in favor to accept.

UPDATES

- A. No update re: City Council Environment & Recycling Committee
- B. Director Webster will continue to check on the availability of public bins and any discrepancies or confusions.
- C. EECB Grant submitted this month & hope to be approved & distributed after 6 weeks or so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Ryan will submit a Capitol Connector map that allows feedback until September 14th.
- *Councilmember Pepper - AEP rate increase is coming to include more expensive LED lights . Our negotiated rate would decrease more if successful at the PSC.
- * Rowan Zoeller – questioning the decrease in KRT bus routes. Busses “on demand”. Ryan has knowledge of transit flow in PA and it is basically revenue-based,.
- * Quenton – energy efficiency rebate programs for \$14,000 to \$18,000 for energy improvement / virtual input session is Monday at 10a.

Next meeting Wednesday, September 18th, 2024

Motion to adjourn by Patti 1:06pm