

Green Team October 2024 Minutes

Meeting called to order 12:02pm – Quorum established

In attendance: Quenton King, Linda Frame, Robin Sylvester, Sam Nygaard

Via Zoom: Stephanie Hysmith, Patti Hamilton, Emmett Pepper, Ryan Hough, Nancy Bruns

Consider and accept September minutes - Linda moved to adopt, Robin seconded – UNANIMOUSLY MOVED

NEW BUSINESS

1. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Green Team Vacancy – Quenton will let the Mayor's office know that we are still looking for a new member after the next meeting. Quenton & Sam will check with Alexis from Downstream Strategies, Nancy can check with members from the Charleston Area Alliance.
2. Strategic Plan Implementation – Cover letter created by Quenton to send to City Council. Communications Committee is working on a one-page overview of the Plan with a goal to be done by the end of the year to be discussed for the beginning of 2025 as a follow-up to Quenton's main submission. Council Member Pepper thinks a 3-5 report is doable. The issue of how to implement the Plan; what takes precedence, Linda recommends each GT member taking one goal to make their own and shepherding the information. Patti offered her and Linda to work on #1 By-Laws. Linda agreed.

Goal #1 & 2 - Map and formalize the Green Team's procedures and actions / Increase and retain Green Team participation – Patti Hamilton & Linda Frame

Goal #3 – Engage the community - Communications Committee can oversee

Goal #4 – Increase energy efficiency and climate resilience – Quenton King & Andrew Early

Goal #5 - Improve transportation connections and land use – Ryan Hough

Goal #6 – Reduce waste - Robin (will ask Rowan for assistance)

December meeting talk about action plan for first 6 mos of 2025

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. What to Do with Stuff – Sam is helping Patti with “digestible content”
2. Communications – Welcomed Sam to committee. Maybe making QR codes for marketing. Possibly talk to Mayor Goodwin to get her ideas on City Council's possible reaction of Strategic Plan. Year-end goal to have overview of Plan finished. Sam is working on pulling main points and make it “reader friendly”. Social media increase. Committee will be meeting once a month for about 30 minutes. Having a presence with City Council.
3. PODA – City Manager got back to us regarding the reusable cup. Mgr is speaking to local business & ABCA to find the best solution.

UPDATES

- A. City Council & Recycling Committee / Chair Brent Burton – no updates.
- B. Charleston Dept. of Public Works / Brent Webster – no updates.
- C. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant – past the 6 week notification. There was also a meeting regarding the Exxon on Bridge Rd. to inhibit drilling wells or any possible geothermal drilling that would affect the water table in the area.

D. Ohio River Valley Institute Meet and Greet on Nov. 13th – Andrew and Robin could go.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A Green Team letter of encouragement was sent to the Mayor's office regarding the Air Monitoring on municipal / community center buildings.
- Check with the Downtown Business Association (Kevin at Black Sheep?) about putting our logo on the city tree at Holly Jolly Brawley this year.
- Next meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – Quenton will be absent / Linda will chair.

Motion to adjourn 12:46pm by Linda, Robin 2nd.