

GREEN TEAM JANUARY 22, 2025

Meeting called to order at: 12:03pm

In attendance: Quenton King, Robin Sylvester, Samantha Nygaard, Joe Solomon

Via Zoom: Nancy Braun, Shawna Phillips, Patti Hamilton, Dennis Strawn, Linda Frame, Ryan Hough, Emmett Pepper, Rowan Zoeller, Andrew Earley

Motion to adopt minutes from December meeting by Quenton, 2nd by Robin – all in favor

NEW BUSINESS

1. E-Day registration – March 17th – Patti & Robin will attend, Quenton will handle the registration. Our Strategic Plan one-pager, What to Do with Stuff, possibly Rowan's recycling board. Sam mentioned an interactive display/discussion. Linda mentioned inviting the Morgantown Green Team.
2. ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA grant opportunity due Feb 5th. No action item at this time for Green Team. \$5 billion grant/50 state cooperative regarding Inflation Reduction Act and future Green opportunities. Each city would receive \$250,000 with the possibility of getting \$2 million more. Quenton has been working with City grant writer and making use of our Strategic Plan as part of our application.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. What to Do with Stuff Committee – WTDWS Wednesdays is operational and getting attention
2. Communications – 2024 recap report sent to Mayor's office and could this also be presented to City Council? Next meeting is Feb. 3rd, Quenton can go but will also send report to the Clerk's office. Linda will send messages into City about getting funds for E-Day, Strategic Plan one-pager is on Green Team.
3. PODA – what happens if cups are left behind? Fife said they sterilize them & resell them. The Mayor's office is still encouraging the use of the cups. Wheeling just approved their own PODA. Possibly do a Green Team Happy Hour to promote the cups and the Green Team. Emmett brought up "Green Drinks" as an environmental happy hour seminar get-together.

UPDATES

A. City Council Environment & Recycling Committee – Brent Burton - absent

B. Charleston Dept. of Public Works – Brent Webster – absent

C. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant – still in a holding pattern, City may need to reword the use of the \$77K

D. Bike Parking – Dennis & Ryan - City branded logo on the racks / how to get info out to folks on what has worked best in the past. Who is the best group to focus on? Where should the info go? Emmett referenced the street dept and the parking dept as a first-stop. Emmett mentioned seeing something regarding Charleston is branding itself a "Bike City USA". Dennis has links to various designs & designation as street furniture so as not to impede pedestrian flow. Bike lockers are more safe and may be useful also. This is also helpful for the cyclist community we have welcomed as a City. Are these usable for scooters as well?

Next Meeting - Wed Feb 19, 2025

Motion to adjourn, so moved at 12:40pm.

Submitted – Robin Sylvester / Secretary, Green Team