

**City Of Charleston Green Team**  
**January 21, 2026**  
**Minutes**

**Meeting called to order at: 12:01pm**

Quorum established

**In-Person Attendance:** Quenton King, Samantha Nygaard, Linda Frame, Chris Higgins  
(speaker)

**Via Microsoft Teams: Nancy Bruns, Stephanie Hysmith, Andrew Earley, Shawn Phillips,  
Emmett Pepper**

1. Welcome
2. Adopt the minutes from December 17, 2026 meeting

Motion to adopt minutes from last meeting by Linda Frame. Vote is unanimous and motion to adopt minutes is accepted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Chris Higgins, City Arborist
  - a. Spring Hill was made an arboretum, necessitating someone to take care of the trees
  - b. Supports Municipal Beautification Committee, but most of his work is concentrated at Spring Hill
  - c. Next Sunday Saunter hike happening on Sunday Feb 1
  - d. Green Team can share Spring Hill events and hikes on our Facebook
2. Highlights from State of the City
  - a. Mayor had a powerpoint show that highlighted some work of committees. We should strive to be included next year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **What to Do with Stuff Committee (Patti Hamilton) - None**
2. **Communications (Linda Frame, Patti Hamilton, Sam Nygaard)**
  - a. Plan to work on Green Guide and Report to the Mayor
  - b. Green Team business cards are happening

3. **PODA (Linda Frame, Andrew Earley, Quenton King) -**
  - a. To do - Reach back out to 4 Points Sheraton about getting their process ready for
4. **Nominations Committee (Quenton, Sam, Nancy) -**
  - a. Jeanne Chandler to be considered at February meeting

#### **Updates:**

1. City Council Environment & Recycling Committee (Council Member Burton) - Absent
2. Charleston Dept. of Public Works (Director Webster) - Absent
3. Kanawha County Solid Waste Authority (Emmett Pepper)
  - a. Did not meet this month. Linda will connect Emmett with Roane County to learn about their glass recycling
4. ICLEI Municipal Investment Fund -
  - a. Report feedback due
5. East-West Connector - None

#### **Announcements**

- E-Day at the WV Legislature is Monday, Feb 23. There will be a networking event on Sunday before the event.
  - Shawn will table for Green Team; we need to get table cloth from Patti
- Green Drinks will be tonight at 5:30 at Fife. West Virginia Land Trust will be the guest speaker tonight
- West Side Neighborhood Association is having a Swap Meet on January 31 from 11am-3pm at North Charleston Community Center
- Emmett said a public speaker at Charleston City Council is interested in more trees in the City
  - Patricia Smith
- West Virginians for Energy Freedom will have Utility Accountability Day on February 26th at the Legislature

**Next meeting:** 3rd Wednesday is February 18, 2025

#### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Linda Frame.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48pm.

*Respectfully Submitted - Quenton King / Secretary, Green Team*