

Mount Rainier Green Team Minutes
March 14, 2016 7:00-9:00 PM
City Hall

Attendees:

Joseph Jakuta
Catherine Murphy
Scott Wilson
Patricio Llerena
Jessica Love

Agenda

1. Green Team Summit

Joseph reviewed the notes from the Summit and mentioned the accolades that Jessica received for the EnviroMinute Videos and that the Team as a whole got for the work we do in Mount Rainier. Joseph reminded everyone that look at what the other municipalities are doing is a good source of inspiration and knowledge for our work. Jessica and Scott also discussed observations they made at the meeting.

2. County Resource Conservation Plan Letter

Joseph explained the idea behind the Resource Conservation Plan and reviewed the letter. The team provided two pieces of feedback: in the agricultural section include edible forests and food deserts.

- Comments are due to Joseph by March 22 on the letter.

3. State Legislation Letter

Joseph reviewed the letter to the state legislators. It was suggested to add the one piece of legislation supported by the bike advisory council concerning drunk driving penalties. A few minor typos were found as well.

- Comments are due to Joseph by March 22 on the letter.

4. Big Belly Trash Cans

Jessica reviewed the big belly trash can project. The Team suggested several locations. Highest priority was given to the area near the bus stop. Also suggested were near 7-11, near Kaywood shopping center, and at 34th and Bunker Hill. Joseph suggested looking into a social media angle with the wi-fi messages the cans will send.

5. Development Projects

a. Urban Ecosystem Restorations/Street Sense

Jessica explained the concept behind the project, including elements in the Street Sense project that improve natural habitat, ecosystem function, and stormwater management. Some points that were discussed were bioretention swales and a pervious alley. The project will be LEED gold and this will assist in achieving in that goal. Joseph asked if TIF funding was discussed and it did come up and that Jessica Lawrence was looking into it in more detail. No follow up meeting has been scheduled yet with Urban Ecosystem Restoration.

b. Flywheel - Tabled

6. Communications

a. Website

Joseph provided the draft webpage that we would provide to the city for our Green Team tab. Catherine said that the design was simple and easy to read.
- Joseph will send the page to Samantha.

b. The Message

We didn't know what the need was for the Green Team in this month's Message.
- Joseph will reach out to Veronica to see if need to do anything.

7. Carbon Footprint Reductions

a. Renewable Purchasing - Tabled

b. LED Lights - Tabled

8. Events

a. Spring Greening Fair

There was question as to the logistics involved in participating in the event. We also need to figure out how to get a compost bin to raffle, either we will see if the city will donate one or we will purchase one out of the Green Team budget. Catherine suggested getting names from people to pursue a solar coop, but the group agreed that we need to couch it differently, so we are going to put together a survey to gauge interest to a variety of topics that homeowners may be interested in (e.g., solar panels, energy efficiency, rainwater). We also discussed how best to schedule volunteers to staff our table and will use an online tool to do so. We also may need to determine how to find a truck to transport items over, in particular compost bins.

- Joseph will email Serenella to get information on the logistics.

- Joseph will send out a scheduling email for volunteers to staff the table once Serenella provides us logistics for the event.

- Catherine will work with Jessica to put together a survey for the event.

b. DC Green Festival

- Joseph will look into what is needed for our participation.

c. Mount Rainier Day - Tabled

9. Topics for a Later Date

a. College Park Bikeshare

b. Green Purchasing

c. Zero Waste Plan

d. Complete Streets

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting: April 11, 2016

Spring Greening Fair: April 16, 2016

DC Green Festival: May 6-8, 2016

PG Green Summit: Thursday May 19, 2016

Mount Rainier Day: October 1, 2016