

**Mount Rainier Green Team Minutes**  
**December 12, 2016 7:00-9:00 PM**  
**City Hall**

**Joseph Jakuta**  
**Jessica Love**  
**Bernadine Sandy**

**1. Events**

**a. Spring Greening Fair**

Bernadine gave an update on the Spring Greening fair and would love us to participate again. The nature center can provide us with digital fliers to promote the event and can give us postcards if we can get them out. They will also conduct outreach through the schools and the city. Joseph mentioned there may be groups like groundswell that would be interested in participating and we should reach out. We will reach out to the Community Garden and Bike Coop as well. Perhaps PG department of environment could have a table. The nature center is also holding Master Gardener classes that we can help spread the word.

*- Joseph will reach out to the various organizations mentioned concerning the event.*

*- The Green Team will begin to develop ideas for a table activity*

**b. Spring Litter Pick Up (Earth Day)**

The nature center is again partnering with the Anacostia Watershed Society for an Earth Day event. Last year there was some confusion about the Green Team's participation but this year we will be proactive so that we can help as site leaders in partnership with the nature center.

*-Joseph will put a firm online to develop a volunteer list.*

**c. Chesapeake Bay Trust All Hands On - GI Plan**

The EFC is working with the Green Teams to participate in the CB Trust All Hands On program. We need to find a good contact for working on the park and Bernadine might be able to help. Concerning the proposal a few of the ideas might not be feasible, especially the concrete removal and the stairs. Likely need to reach out more to neighbors.

Concerning the city we need to make sure the plan is maintenance free. A letter of support will be helpful.

*-Joseph will edit the proposal as suggested.*

*-Bernadine will help with a contact for the park.*

**d. Bandalong Opening**

Joseph mentioned that there will be a trash trap that will be placed a few blocks up stream from the nature center and perhaps the nature center could be another community partner.

**e. Christmas City Open House - Assessment**

The Green Team table was fairly successful. At least 15 residents visited the table and learned about the Green Team and 3 people signed up for our new volunteer list. Having the candy bowl was considered successful. Slightly related Joseph suggested adding a form to our facebook page to get more volunteers.

*- Joseph will add a form to the facebook to get more volunteers*

**2. Communication - The Message**

Given the timing of the timing of the next issue most of the holiday related items will be late so "Saving on Heating Costs" seemed to be the best topic to write on for The Message. We also discussed ways to streamline the EnviroMinute, perhaps use smart phones, especially if they are

easy to convert to TV ready.

*- Joseph will write up the Green and Healthy Living section unless another team member volunteers.*

**3. Green Building Code Letter**

The letter consists of recommendations to the county zoning officials concerning improvements that can be made to the Green Building Code in the draft zoning Module 2. The Team took this path since developing a Green Building Code strictly for the city would present challenges for implementation that would be lessened if they were simply required by the county. No one at the meeting had any additional feedback at the time and the letter will be passed along to Councilmember Knedler on Friday.

*- Jessica will reach out to Brishay to get a sample letter from the Council to use as a template*

**4. Snow Removal Letter**

Joseph reviewed the snow emergency letter which has two main points: to stress the need for sidewalks to be clear for all of the residents that don't get around by car and to use salting methods that are less harmful to the watershed. Jessica thought the first part needed a clearer ask, in particular in regards to dealing with M-NCPPC and Joseph felt we could use more scientific evidence for the second half. The letter will just go to the city manager.

*-Joseph will work on filling in the missing information and send it to the team for more review.*

**5. Arundel/34th Street Project**

There may be a stormwater improvement in conjunction with the levee project that has been in the works for ten years.

*-Jessica will find more information on the project.*

**6. SM Sustainability Metrics Workshop - Tabled**

**7. Bikeshare - Tabled**

**8. Development Projects - Tabled**

**9. Topics for a Later Date**

- a. Styrofoam Ban Data Collection
- b. Lead Awareness
- c. Complete Streets
- d. Parks Plan
- e. Mosquito Control
- f. Recycling Bins
- g. LED Street Lights
- h. LED for Buildings
- i. Fee in Lieu Of

**Upcoming Events**

Next Meeting: January 9, 2017 at 7PM

Spring Greening Fair: ?, 2017