

Mount Rainier Green Team Agenda
February 13, 2016 7:00-9:00 PM
City Hall

Attendees:

Joseph Jakuta
Jessica Love
Patricio Ilerena
Karyn McAlister

1. Bikeshare

Karyn McAlister discussed the feasibility study concerning bike share in two areas of Prince George's County (Route 1 corridor and National Harbor). There would be several phases, and Mt Rainier would be in the first, with potentially 3 stations, though the exact locations are yet to be finalized. Funding for the expansion needs to occur and writing to council members could be helpful. We discussed several issues that were important for Mt Rainier, including making sure Environmental Justice (EJ) was being considered, the routes in our bike master plan, and the dangerous nature of riding on Queens Chapel Road. Karyn pointed out that EJ was being considered and that bike lanes should go in on Queens Chapel Road making trips safer. We also pointed out the amenities along in the area between Arundel and Buchanan streets as well road diet that is planned for Arundel Street and that the 34th and Tilden potential station might be more successful if moved closer to those amenities.

- Joseph will compose a template letter that could be sent to Councilmember Deni Taveras concerning bikeshare budgeting.

2. Budget

The budget request is due on February 24th. Joseph discussed MaryLee's suggestions concerning focusing the park funding request to focus on the 37th Street park, though the Green Team decided to instead word it so it was less specific so it could be used for either the 37th or the 31st Street park projects. We will discuss with the city manager the best approach to the public work recycling bin request and whether the ICLEI request should be moved to the city budget or reevaluated. The Green Team felt adding the request for compost bins back in was appropriate. There were no specific comments on the list of accomplishments.

- Joseph will schedule a meeting with Miranda to discuss our questions.

3. Events

a. Snow Symposium

The snow symposium is this coming Thursday and will be in Star-Potts Hall. There was discussion of the Green Team having a minor role, but we need to confirm this.

- Jessica will follow up if Joseph should be prepared to present information on home de-icing tips.

- Joseph will put together a few slides if he should attend as a presenter.

b. Chesapeake Bay Trust All Hands On Action Plan/37th Street Park

We reviewed the new draft of the work plan as well as the plant list and design completed by Barry Stahl following the walk through the past Saturday. We discussed the success of the neighborhood petition drive, which should be mentioned more specifically in the work plan, and unless the 3 neighbors that have not signed the petition are against the project things probably should be fine though it would be best to get their interest as well. We also should discuss the city's demographics in the work plan. The letter of support from the city has been signed leaving only the letter of support from M-NCPPC as pending. If by some chance we are not awarded the All Hands On Day we can also

apply for the mini-grant separately and get some volunteers, an option that should be discussed with Kim.

- *Joseph will update the workplan and work with Kim Choi*

- *Joseph will follow up with Ronnie Gathers to determine the status of our letter of support from M-NCPPC*

c. **Spring Greening Fair**

We have reserved a pickup truck for use by the Green Team and the Bike Coop for the event. The Green Team felt that the idea of having a photo booth would be fun and will pursue the idea of building a trash monster to be photographed with akin to the trash monster. Patricio suggested that fliering for the event is important and that we should make sure all of the events are properly described in the Message. He also suggested that we consider looking into giving away home lead paint tests at the event.

- *Patricio will look into the possibility of obtaining home lead tests for the event.*

- *Joseph will make sure we get the Green Team activities described in the Message.*

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

- *Joseph needs to follow up with AWS concerning the event.*

e. **Green Symposium - Tabled**

f. **Bandalong Opening**

No updates have occurred on this event.

- *Joseph needs to follow up with Anacostia Riverkeepers concerning the event.*

4. **Green & Healthy Living (Due March)**

Given the expectations that the Bandalong project will be unfamiliar with the residents we will devote the G&HL section to the Bandalong. Jessica stressed answer both the questions of what and why?

- *Joseph will write up the text and run it by Trey from Anacostia Riverkeepers before submitting it.*

5. **Lead Awareness - Tabled**

6. **LED Street Lights**

Joseph completed a draft of a report examining the survey of street light locations in the city and the potential economic costs and benefits to the city of LED replacements. There are a few questions that we need to answer and we should discuss non monetary benefits in the report as well.

- *Joseph will discuss the research and next steps with Miranda during the budget discussion.*

7. **Development Projects - Tabled**

8. **Styrofoam Ban - MRBA Outreach**

Joseph discussed the compliance issues with the city council at the last work session and it was determined that the city probably cannot do too much to enforce PG DoE's programs. We will provide postcards to code enforcement for when they do visit restaurants. Joseph also had talked to PG DoE staff and a big issue is funding for enforcement so the Green Team decided that individual letter writing that we will promote similar to the bike share one will be .

- *Joseph will write up a letter template for people to send to Councilmember Deni Taveras.*

9. **Topics for a Later Date**

- a. Complete Streets
- b. Parks Plan
- c. Mosquito Control
- d. Recycling Bins
- e. LED for Buildings
- f. Fee in Lieu Of

Upcoming Events/Dates

Mt Rainier Snow Symposium: February 16, 2017 at 6
World Wildlife Day: March 3, 2017
International Day of Action for Rivers: March 14, 2017
Next Meeting: March 13, 2017 at 7PM
World Water Day: March 22, 2017
Spring Greening Fair: April 15, 2017
Earth Day: April 22, 2017