

Mount Rainier Green Team Agenda
April 17, 2016 7:00-9:00 PM
City Hall

Attendees:

Joseph Jakuta

Jessica Love

1. Budget

The most recent budget is available online. The city manager is interested including bins in the budget, but we need to discuss it with the council. The council might not be keen on including funding for the compost bins as well, especially due to complaints about rats that we need to address, though after talking with Doug from NIE they should not be attracting vermin if installed properly.

- Jessica will let Joseph know if any developments occur with the recycling bins.

- Joseph will attend the meeting tomorrow to promote

2. Events

a. Spring Greening Fair - Synopsis

The event was the most attended greening fair and well regarded. The Trash Monster brought in a decent draw, though compared to the vermiculture display from last year was not quite as successful. We got 7 people to sign the email list and 3 people to express willingness to volunteer.

b. Spring Litter Pick Up (Earth Day)

At this point it appears that the Nature Center clean up site, unlike last year, is not full, so we should call again for volunteers.

- Joseph will post a follow up request for volunteers this week on Facebook and the list serves.

c. Mt Rainier Day

Scheduled for the 20th of May. We need to talk to Brishay about getting a table and participating in the parade. Should we do a raffle to help draw people to the table, and if so any ideas for something to raffle beside a compost bin? The trash monster could make another appearance since it was ok.

- Joseph will have get us a table.

d. Rain Check Tour

MaryLee is hoping to host the event on May 6, but Joseph and Jessica recommended delaying it since May 6 is fast approaching.

e. Bandalong Opening

Installation is expected in May. The expectation it turns out is that the Green Team help keep track of the need for cleanings following rain storms by stopping by to send a photograph to the Riverkeepers. Public works does already implement a similar function after storms for storm drains and perhaps could be asked to augment this effort. We did get one response from the call for volunteers from the Message and we will still try to hold a volunteer event to clean that trap at a point.

3. Green & Healthy Living (Due May)

After discussion saving financially on cooling costs were the topic that seemed most salient for the June issue. The other topics will be saved for next spring.

- Joseph will call for volunteers to write the section and if not write the section.

4. **Urban Farm Support Letter**

The letter of support for the urban farm project by Doug Adams was deemed to be fine after a few edits and will be signed and provided to Mr. Adams.

5. **37th Street Park**

At this point M-NCPPC has not yet approved our work moving forward. It may be too late to put in the order with Treemendous.

- *Jessica will let Joseph when a Treemendous order*

- *Joseph will continue to follow up with M-NCPPC on project finalization*

6. **Development Projects**

Menkiti presented at the last city council meeting and reiterated that they have silver LEED certification. There were complaints about their waste going into the sewer system.

- *Joseph will look into contacting the most appropriate person to work on the waste problem.*

7. **Complete Streets**

Joseph sent contact to city staff about the need to include committee feedback in the process for the RFP, though it hasn't been confirmed if that has been included.

8. **Curbside Composting**

We may have an opportunity to at least tour Takoma Park's composting operation with an eye towards looking at adopting our own composting program.

9. **Topics for a Later Date**

- a. LED for Buildings
- b. Parks Plan - Fee in Lieu Of
- c. Sustainable MD Reauthorization
- d. Mosquito Control
- e. Recycling Bins
- f. LED Street Lights
- g. Hazardous Waste
- h. Lead Awareness

Upcoming Events/Dates

Earth Day: April 22, 2017

Mount Rainier Day: May 20, 2017