

Mount Rainier Green Team Minutes
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City Hall

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1. Events

a. Spring Greening Fair/Green Expo

The Green Team and the city wanted to hold a Green Expo to increase informational outreach to the community and wanted to host an event in the spring, but realized that combining it with the Spring Greening Fair might be a better avenue. The Spring Greening Fair is scheduled for April 14 is the day of the event, 12-5 PM. Last year the Nature Center had the Bike Coop, Community Forklift, Master Gardeners from Brentwood, Green Team, Petting Zoo, BUMBA, Trash to Treasure, Sierra Club, Solar City, Groundswell, food vendors, Joe's Movement dance center, Uncle Devin's children music, among others at the Spring Greening Fair and Bernadine estimates that 800 people attended. Both the MD and PG state department of environment would be great additions for informational purposes. The Nature Center is ready to send out a letter and flier promoting the event and hopes to by the event of in December. The goals of the Greening Fair are focused on education about the environment and entertainment for children, as well as promotion of the center. In 2016 there were workshops, but they were not well attended possibly because they were too long and this year they tried to alternate informational people with vendors, which was pretty successful. The Mt Rainier city manager said there might be funds available to help the event. Kim brought up discussion of the youth corp for the event, but there was concern that this would not be ready in time for the event not the right group of people. Doug brought up the importance of education activities over entertainment. The discussion needs to be taken to a small group for further discussion.

- *Joseph will schedule a time for a workgroup to meet on the subject matter.*

b. Litter Pick-Up Event (Spring) - Tabled

2. Recycling Carts

Recycling and trash carts passed unanimously for this fiscal year (by June 30). Working back from the end of the fiscal year we need to purchase carts by June 1 and need to know how many to purchase by May 15. To purchase one for every household the city would need to purchase 1100 but the opt out process could determine that purchasing less is preferable. Luke is looking for recommendations on the optout process in particular and the rollout plan in general from the Green Team by December 15. Some reasons that could be considered as part of the optout are steep stairs, on 31st in particular, physical disadvantages of the resident. Joseph brought up whether people could opt out of trash cans if they already have a rolling one from, but there could be compatability issues. Everyone agreed that canvassing would be an important way to inform residents, but also resource intensive, though the youth corp project could help with getting the necessary volunteers. The Greening Fair/Expo will be another opportunity to do outreach.

- Kim will send a write up to Joseph with our thoughts on the proposal and he will send it out for further comment by Tuesday night.

3. Green Schools/Youth Corp - Added

In January a small group will meet to discuss next steps for a youth corp and bring this to the February meeting.

- *Joseph will set up a meeting time for interested workgroup members.*

4. Northwest Branch Trail

Scott brought up the issue of vines at the northwest branch. To successfully fix the issue they need to be cut and then poisoned. Bob Patten at M-NCPPC had also talked to Joseph about the subject in the previous few weeks. Mark Imlay might be a good resource since he has completed similar projects in the past. Adopt a trail might be an option, and possibly what Bob is looking for, In the past Joe Robbins had adopted a nearby portion of the NW Branch trails. Bob also had mentioned that maintenance staff could use some discussions with citizens. Right now the Green Team does not have the resources, but could provide some help to this if we can get the youth corp up and running. Its probably also important to collaborate on this with other municipalities, especially since very little of the trail is in Mt Rainier boundaries.

- *Scott will reach out to WABA and others about trying to get this project moving.*

5. Green Team Logo/Letterhead

John Pham volunteered to design a logo for the Green Team. Joseph recommended that the color green needs to be an aspect of the color choice. One use case Joseph has been looking to use a logo for is a nice banner for events. Mimi recommended including a mountain in the logo. There are a lot of interests such as bikes, energy, and water for the Green Team that should be considered. Joseph said we should also consider choosing a font and general color scheme that we can use in different work.

- *The Green Team should provide feedback to John by January 15 so we can have mockups for the February meeting.*

6. Mayor's Climate Challenge Actions - Tabled

7. Logistics

Unless something arises that the council or the city staff need feedback on we plan on Cancel the meeting in January and focus on everyone meeting individually with their workgroups.

- *Joseph will arrange to schedule any workgroups not discussed earlier in the meeting.*

8. Topics for a Later Date

- a. Parks
 - Roger's Park
 - 31st Street Park
- b. Green Development Fund
- c. Development Projects
- d. Bandalong Opening
- e. Curbside Composting
- f. LED for Buildings
- g. Parks Plan - Fee in Lieu Of
- h. Sustainable MD Reauthorization
- i. Mosquito Control
- j. Lead Awareness

Upcoming Events/Dates

Next Meeting: Either January 8, 2017 or February 12, 2017