

Mount Rainier Green Team Agenda
February 12 2017 7:00-9:00 PM
City Hall

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1. Events

a. City Open House Volunteer Appreciation (2/24)

The open house will take place at city hall, public works, and police station from 11-2. There is a volunteer appreciation ceremony at 11:30-12:30. We will have a bin set up for recycling styrofoam that Joseph will deliver to Crofton. Joseph will bring the flier box to the event as well and we will look into refreshments for the event.

- Mimi McKindley will potentially help out at the table

b. Spring Greening Fair/Green Expo (4/14)

The Green Team, with Doug Adam's lead is putting together an series of workshops to complement the tables for the fair. Tours of the Community Garden and a plant swap will be sponsored by the Community Garden. We should see if someone from the city can have a table with the recycling bins to show off the new carts. We could consider seeing if Neighborhood Sun and Groundswell could do a panel, or if they both wanted to do a workshop they could go at different times (early and late). Some other ideas, advocacy groups like CCAN, Sierra Club, etc. Perhaps someone at the PG Pool knows some good vendors. What about the MD Food Coop or Tim Park with baked goods.

- Joseph will get Doug in and figure out the best approach to Neighborhood Sun and also get advocacy groups for.

c. #GreensLife Video

Doug finished the video, which runs four minutes and is an interview with Brian Massey, an urban farmer in Mount Rainier. We viewed it on Joseph's phone. If we want to get the video on MRTV we need to send it to mrtv@mountrainiermd.org. Sarah looked up the #GreensLife hashtag and it does not appear to be in use on twitter right now for anything of note. For future videos environmental educators at the school, Neighborhood Sun, community gardeners, bike coop, or bike commuters might all be good candidates.

- Joseph will work with Doug to get this out there.

d. Early Arbor Day 37th Street Planting (3/31)

Jessica says that the Tree Commission needs to get the Treemendous plant order in by March. 10-1 AM. Edible. We should put this volunteer event, as well as the others, in the Message, which we should be able to get done even though the deadline was Sunday.

- Joseph will email Shantay about one more addition to the message.

e. AWS Earth Day Clean Up (4/21) - Tabled

f. Litter Pick-Up Event (Clean Sweep) (4/28) - Tabled

2. Green Team Logo - Tabled

3. Recycling Carts - Feedback on Draft Regulations

The current draft of the rules does not limit the residents to the city bins for trash and this will probably harm the payback period we initially estimated. We believe trash cans should either be limited to one or purchased at full price, which the county might . Otherwise it won't encourage less trash. Recommend adopting the county regulations by reference. Find some way to include

a link to the other recycling. It might be good to clarify any chances to the yard waste rules. Check in with Luke about the best approach. We need to figure out how to do the canvassing. We should try to get people out on February 20 to support the carts.

4. **Levee Meeting - Adding**

The levee meeting will be held on February 27, though will likely be focused on how traffic will be impacted by construction. We should still plan on attending to make sure our concerns were addressed in the 100% plan.

- Joseph will send around the comments we sent in about the project.

5. **Youth Corp - Tabled**

6. **Mayor's Climate Challenge Action Workgroup**

The workgroup talked about both increasing the number households having solar and how to go solar with is community solar, by having a project shared by many residents that is located in a shared net metering. Kaywood apartments and shopping center was discussed as an ideal location for a project, partially because of its access to DC feeder lines. DC has a stronger renewable standard and less space for projects so their SRECs (Solar Renewable Energy Credits) are more valuable and some properties in Mount Rainier get power from the DC lines rather than MD ones and can get credit through the DC SREC market. The workgroup will meet again to work on the outreach plan to get more homeowners interested in solar. There is also a PG County program for low income residents to go solar.

- Armando will send around the map and a link to the PG County program.

7. **Bandalong Update**

Anacostia Riverkeepers got the permit to install the bandalong to help PG County meet the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) for trash and it will go in the Arundel canal under one of the bridges. The only responsibility the Green Team appears to have at this point is to spread awareness of the project.

8. **Microplastics**

Mimi has been reading about the issue of microplastics, like the plastic filaments in our water. There are also issues of largest plastics being found in the food. The Green Team should look into ways to spread awareness as to how to use less plastic and why. An example brought up involved using less plastic bags when shopping. The question was brought up as to whether we should push for a bag fee in PG County and it was discussed that there are requirements that the bag fee have to be allowed by the state legislature. We should consider opening the conversation to Jimmy as far as advocacy on this issue. We should also look to find ways to dissuade use of drinking straws, in schools in particular. We could have someone from DC water come to the green expo and/or maybe something with kids and recycled materials as an art fair.

- Joseph will send out a request to get members to work on plastics

- Mimi Mckindley-Ward will set up a meeting once some people have been determined

9. **Roger's Park**

Roger's Park is a sliver of land that is along Eastern Avenue north of 29th Street and overgrown. The city is putting together the budget for next year on what to do with the parcel. The mosquitos are incredibly problematic. Recent Gabe Popkin of the tree commission led an impromptu litter pickup there and there were 5 cubic yards of trash, car parts, tires cleaned out. There is a plan to get goats to do vegetation removal in the spring. Nearby residents that have been talked to aren't too interested in a major park to limit noise, etc. Gabe Popkin of the tree commission had recommended a mulch path be put in.

10. **Topics for a Later Date**

a. **Parks**

i. **31st Street Park**

b. **Green Development Fund**

- c. Development Projects**
- d. Curbside Composting**
- e. LED for Buildings**
- f. Parks Plan - Fee in Lieu Of**
- g. Sustainable MD Reauthorization**
- h. Mosquito Control**
- i. Lead Awareness**

Upcoming Events/Dates

City Open House Volunteer Appreciation: February, 24

Next Meeting: March 12, 2018

37th Street Park Planting: March 31, 2018

Spring Greening Fair/Green Expo: April 14, 2018

Earth Day AWS Clean Up: April 21, 2018

Clean Sweep Mt Rainier Clean Up: April 28, 2018