

**Mount Rainier Green Team Agenda**  
**August 12, 2018 7:00-9:00 PM**  
**City Hall**

**Joseph Jakuta**  
**Sarah Lifsey**  
**Jessica Love**  
**Rocio Latorre**  
**Katie Hart**  
**Steve Jackson Leas**

**1. Recycling Carts Update**

Discussing the final delivery, which should be around the end of September. It should take 3-4 days to a week to complete the delivery. The policies won't be implemented until the end of November though and the trash cans won't be allowed until then since the lifts won't be installed on the trucks until November. Public Works will have a conference call on August 21 to discuss the process internally and then they can reach out to us about how we can help. We would want to consider going door-to-door to explain what is occurring with the rollout, how you can reuse your old can, and what is recyclable. Sarah raised the question as to whether there are any public events coming up to conduct outreach at, but no city events could be determined, possibly the Halloween parade? We could at least have the information at the solar event, even though it isn't exactly relevant.

*- Joseph will ask about the possible upcoming events.*

**2. Workgroups**

**a. Solar Workgroup**

A draft was written up by Dani for a script for the video testimonials and Steve is working on scripts for a set of videos about the ABCs of solar. MD Sun is working on a Solar Coop for PG County though we have had problems communicating with them to form up a date. The Team discussed whether to pick a date and we leaned towards Thursday, but the workgroup will make the final decision. Dani also conducted a survey of which buildings in town have a solar panel on them and she also wrote up a letter to send out. Darrell may have not gotten the letters out yet. Solar panels do have a particular capacity size associated with them, but figuring out generation will be tougher.

*- Rocio will look into whether the letter was sent.*

*- Joseph will email the workgroup to firm up a date.*

**b. Mosquito Workgroup**

Sarah talked to Jodi Beder about a mosquito control discussion sponsored by UMD and they have a good amount of resources available for groups like ours to use and can fact check newsletters. They will also train volunteers to do yard checks. Have a display booth that they can bring out to community events and have door hangers. Given how late it is in mosquito season we should prepare for next year. Liz in Brentwood has a connection to Takoma Park for an ovitrap study though in general they have not been tested vigorously and could just increase mosquito populations due to attraction. We want to see how the Takoma study pans out before moving forward with a plan. The Asian Tigers actually aren't disease vectors, but are hard to eradicate since they need so little water.

**c. Art Workgroup?**

The Team is fine with putting out a call for an arts workgroup that could help with music,

graphics, etc for the Team's work.  
- *Joseph will put out the call out for members.*

### 3. Stormwater Issues

- a. **Draft Stormwater Plan - Tabled**
- b. **Menkiti Pavement Follow Up**

### 4. Events

- a. **9/15 Public Works - E-Waste Drop-off/Polystyren Drop-off/The Great Rain Barrel Event**

We have been working with Deborah. Residents should know when they are calling with questions the all rain barrels have to be picked up on September 15. Sarah asked the question of how heavy is the rain barrel and we will have to look into it. The big thing right now is to focus on promoting the rain sale since we don't want extras. A wait list will open up if we sell 33 of them and if enough people are on the waitlist we can get a second pallet for sale at the same price.

- *Rocio will print up 50 fliers and we will get them out in the area.*
- *Joseph will ask Deborah about weight.*
- *Everyone should tell their friends.*

- b. **September Litter Event - Reschedule to 9/29?**

Mr. Kamali is fine with having an event on September 29. We will have pickers to use at the event. We will have a prize again for participants.

- *Sara will make a flier.*
- *Joseph will get a prize to provide to randomly selected participants.*

### 5. Outreach

- a. **Logo**

We have logo designed by the high school student Dani and will begin using it in our communications.

- b. **Website**

Joseph started to realize that not having a website limited access to a lot of the information we produce that can help residents. The city might be far along with theirs and we should talk to D'Alliza. Wordpress, wix, weebly are potential options to look into. Tree commission might use google websites. We already have a domain name at the same 20712.org as the Tree Commission.

- c. **The Message**

- i. There was a back log in articles that were written but the trash can reuse will be in the September issue and we will delay mosquitoes for fact checking and more timeliness in the spring. We should discuss the October, November, and December. Issues Jessica suggested maybe bringing back the reducing waste around the holidays topic for December. Sarah suggested writing about Home Efficiency and other ways to reduce your heating bill. Jessica mentioned that the PG Municipal collaborative has a weatherization program in collaboration with the DHCD and lower income residents can participate. We should also write up something for October on Solar ABCs since it will go well with the event.
  - *Jackson will work on the October newsletter.*
  - *Sarah will work on the November and December newsletters after Joseph sends older material to her.*

- d. **#GreenIsLife Videos**

- i. **Judy Walsh-Mellett**

Video was published about backyard composting and gardening. 27 people have watched the video and half have watched the video in its entirety.

- ii. **Bandalong**  
Unfortunately filming of a video involving the bandalong fell through.
  - iii. **Solar** This was discussed earlier.
  - iv. **Next Steps**  
The group brain stormed what was next for the videos. Sarah suggested an artist with environmental supplies called wild crafted. Doug and Joseph talked about doing a video on air quality but bad air season is almost over. The same goes for a video on mosquito control. . The question arose if Alan Binstock use recycled materials and if so he might be a good person to interview. The weatherization topic brought up for the Message might also be worth discussing. A video is also under discussion concerning the silo and stove.
6. **Survey of Residents** - Rocio suggested that we pursue a survey to see what the community at large is interested in and their needs are. Joseph suggested making sure whatever is done follows the guidelines in Sustainable Maryland so we can get credit for this in the next application. We will discuss this next month in more detail.
  7. **Economic Development Fund**  
The city council approved funding for an economic development fund a portion of which will go to yet to be determined environmental improvements (e.g., installing weatherization, planting natives). It possibly will take the form of a rebate Joseph compiled a resource kit for Samantha of exiting programs residents and business have available. Once our new website is up and running this will be put up there.
  8. **GW Day of Service**  
Former council member Loh mentioned that GW was looking for community groups to partner with for their annual freshman day of service. Unfortunately it's too late to get involved this year but the next one is on September 7, 2019. We should start brainstorming what type of project we could do and whether there are other groups we can reach out to.
  9. **Sustainable Maryland**  
The application is moving along and currently under the peer review process. The application will open up one more time and we can respond again. Jessica worked with Rocio to provide a few of the missing documents, but some will just have to go empty.
  10. Topics for a Later Date
    - a. Plastics Reduction
    - b. Parks - 31st Street Park, Rogers Park
    - c. Development Projects
    - d. LED for Buildings
    - e. Parks Plan - Fee in Lieu Of
    - f. Lead Awareness

Upcoming Events/Dates

Next Meeting:September 10, 2018