



## Mount Rainier Green Team Minutes

March 11, 2019 7:00-9:00 PM

City Hall

### Attendees:

- Sarah Lifsey
- Kevin McNeill
- Joseph Jakuta
- Bernadine Sandy

### Action Items:

- For the Spring Greening Fair:
  - Joseph will work with Valerie to update the SGF website. Sarah will reach out to Mr. Kamali and Rosio about displaying large posters/banners (36'x3') in the city to advertise the SGF.
  - Sarah will make sure that the Community Garden has the exhibitor's information. Joseph will make sure the Bike Coop has the exhibitor's information. Joseph will also reach out to Neighborhood Sun and other solar groups to see if they are interested.
  - Sarah will reach out to Miranda Braatz and the new city Communications Director ([rwalker@mtrainermd.org](mailto:rwalker@mtrainermd.org)) about bringing the electric car and having a table.
- Sarah will send a reminder to the Green Team social media pages about the Community Garden fundraiser.
- Sarah will develop materials for the potential trash pick-up on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Green Team will publicize the upcoming 31st Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup event on April 13<sup>th</sup> on social media and through flyers.
- Joseph and the Solar Workgroup will complete the flyer for the April 4<sup>th</sup> community solar event at the Nature Center and distribute it to the Nature Center and on social media.
- Sarah will follow up with Doug Adams of #GreenisLife on potential video topics.
- Joseph will continue to publicize the cassette tape recycling through the end of March and will then send collected tapes for recycling.
- The Green Team will explore dates for a Spring Arbor Day/Clean Up Green Up Event to include potentially replanting some of the pawpaws at the 37<sup>th</sup> Street Park.

### 1. Events

#### a. Spring Greening Fair – Saturday, May 4, 2019 12-5pm

- i. The Green Team will help publicize this event on the website and the Facebook page. Sarah will look into putting information out on Route 1 Fun and Hyattsville Wire. The goal this year is to have 1,000 attendees. *Joseph will work with Valerie to update the SGF website. Sarah will reach out to Mr. Kamali and Rosio about displaying large posters/banners (36'x3') in the city to advertise the SGF.*
- ii. Several of the exhibitors from last year will be back, including the Lockhaven Ranch Petting Zoo, Blue Sky Puppeteer, the alpacas, master gardeners selling native seedlings, and the Mount Rainier Community Garden. *Sarah will make sure that the Community Garden has the exhibitor's information. Joseph will make sure the Bike Coop has the exhibitor's information. Joseph will also reach out to Neighborhood Sun and other solar groups to see if they are interested.*
- iii. Joe Stream Team will have a table with a volunteer sign-up sheet.
- iv. The City of Mount Rainier has an electric vehicle that could be exhibited. *Sarah will reach out to Miranda Braatz and the new city Communications Director ([rwalker@mtrainermd.org](mailto:rwalker@mtrainermd.org)) about bringing the electric car and having a table.* The Election Commission is planning on having a table and Sarah has sent them the exhibitor's information.

- b. **Mount Rainier Community Garden Fundraiser @ Franklin's – Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
    - i. Sarah will send a reminder to the Green Team group/Facebook group.
  - c. **Spring trash pick-up event – Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 @ noon**
    - i. This event shouldn't conflict with the litter trap clean out on Saturday morning from 10am to 1pm. Sarah will look into having the litter trap location be the hub of the trash pick-up to engage the Stream Team group. Joseph will bring Sarah the box of flyers and postcards; Sarah will ask Mary Lee for the key to the shed.
  - d. **31st Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup – Saturday, April 13, 2019 @ 9am**
    - i. Sarah will add this to the April Message write-up. Sarah and Joseph will distribute flyers in person and on social media.
  - e. **Red Dirt Studio meadowlands project and open studio tour – Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
  - f. **Arbor Day Tree Planting**
    - i. The Green Team discussed potential events for a Spring Arbor Day/Clean Up Green Up Event. The actual Clean Up Green Up date conflicts with the SGF so the Green Team will review dates in late April to potentially plant some trees. In particular, some of the pawpaws at the 37<sup>th</sup> Street Park need to be replaced. The Green Team budget would allow for the purchase of replacement trees.
- 2. Solar Workgroup Update**
- a. The Solar Workgroup having an event (Solar Party Part II) focused on apartment residents at the Nature Center on April 4<sup>th</sup>. This event will focus on what community solar is how apartment residents can sign up for solar power without needing to own a home or have access to put up physical panels. When the flyers are finished, Miss Bernadine will help distribute them to be placed in the backpacks for the two elementary schools in the neighborhood. The flyer will need to be complete ASAP to ensure approval and distribution. A bilingual flyer would be preferred. *Joseph and the Solar Workgroup will complete the flyer and send to Miss Bernadine.*
- 3. Ongoing coordination with Joe's Stream Team**
- a. Joe's Stream Team is planning on issuing a Call to Action in May to start block-by-block clean-ups and host the first official Stream Team-led Mount Rainier clean-up event. The Green Team will help provide support and publicity.
- 4. Grants**
- a. PG Litter Reduction and Citizen Engagement Mini Grant Program – *Tabled*
- 5. Outreach**
- a. The Message
    - i. April (due 3/11/19) – Spring Greening Fair and Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup *completed and submitted*
    - ii. May (due 4/11/19) – Lead (Joseph) *completed*/Stream Team Call to Action
    - iii. June (due 5/11/19) – Air quality or wish-cycling (Joseph)
    - iv. July (due 6/11/19)
  - b. #GreenIsLife Videos
    - i. Sarah will prioritize reaching out to Doug Adams to potentially film a *Bandalong/Stream Team video.*
    - ii. Other topics: "Wish cycling," upcoming Glut anniversary, composting, winterizing your home
  - c. Social Media - *Tabled*
- 6. Waste Reduction**
- a. Public trash cans and recycling cans
    - i. Update from Public Works on plans for upgrading and securing existing cans and possibility of public recycling cans - *Tabled*

- b. Kaywood Gardens Recycling update
  - i. Update from Public Works on outreach to property manager - Tabled
- c. Cassette Tape Recycling
  - i. *Joseph will continue to publicize the cassette tape recycling through the end of March and will then send collected tapes for recycling.*
- d. Next Styrofoam E-Waste Event – Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>
- e. Compost Pick-Up
  - i. Update from Public Works composing proposal and tipping fees - Tabled

**7. Community Needs Assessment Survey – Tabled**

**8. Topics for a Later Date**

- a. Mosquito Workgroup
- b. Art Workgroup
- c. Plastics Reduction
- d. Economic Development Fund
- e. Parks - 31st Street Park, Rogers Park
- f. Green Development Fund/Development Projects
- g. LED for Buildings
- h. Parks Plan - Fee in Lieu Of
- i. Art walk from Joe's to the elementary schools (painted crosswalks)
- j. Rain Check Rebate follow-up and blog

Upcoming Events/Dates

Next Meeting: April 8, 2019