

Green Team Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2021

Meeting came to order at 7:00

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall. Masks are required.

Review 2021 Accomplishments:

- 17th St Retaining Wall Garden
- Paddle & Pathway Pickup with Calvert County Parks and Rec
- Refresh of Pollinator Garden on Railway Trail & Vine Clipping
- Bayfront Park Pickup & Vine Cutting along Boardwalk
- Replaced flora signage
- Purchased Replacement Bluebird House for Springtime placement on Railway Trail

Historical Ideas Spreadsheet Review

- Review the spreadsheet, suggest updates, a task for the December 9th meeting

Comprehensive Plan – Public Hearing – November 9th

- Green Team members were encouraged to provide recommendations / comments on the Comp Plan at the Public Hearing on November 9th. Comments should be no longer than 2 minutes, be specific, and comments or suggestions as a CB resident were also encouraged.
 - o Ideas – Brownies Beach Replenishment/Nourishment, Sea Water Rise, Tree City, Exotic & Invasive Species

Nancy Fuerle Dedication:

- Green Team is financial sponsor for the Chesapeake Beach Garden Club, Karen Schumaker President & Ingrid Lamb, Treasurer
- Location of dedication – Town Hall Bridge Buffer Garden
- Required – sign design and creation

Sam Droege:

- Saturday, March 5
- Request Placement on 2022 Calendar:
 - o Sam Droege, Wildlife Biologist
Native Bees/Pollinators
NECC 10 am
- Presentation Abstract from Sam
 - o *Saving Native Bees, Your Yard, Your Garden, Your Community can Plant a Difference*
You probably know something about native plants and probably know that these plants host many types of moths and butterflies; but, did you know that these plants also host

many types of bees? Yep, it is a complex world out there and it turns out that many of our native bee species are as picky about plants as our native butterflies. We will talk the many sizes and shapes of bees, what plants they use, and how your plantings and gardens can make a difference.

- **Tasks - Recommendation:**

- Need Advertising & Local Outreach
- Beach / Windy Hill / Northern
- CB & NB Garden Clubs
- Baywise / Master Gardeners

Bayfront Park

- Need a Spring 2022 Date
- **Recommendation:**
 - Vine clipping will be conducted every Monday morning. Volunteers welcome – bring gloves, clippers and black bags. Use black plastic bags to prevent regrowth of clippings.
 - Sent to Town Administrator via email:
 - 1) When Bayfront Park staff are working / on duty, could they also be trained to pick up litter ... they may be tasked with this but they are not really doing it.
 - 2) Is it possible for litter pickup, to hire a replacement for Mr. Brown... the town would really benefit from such a part-time position and maybe we can consider it.

UPDATE: This is an ongoing process.

17th St Retaining Wall Garden

- **Recommendation:** Ensure garden is watered and healthy

Paddle and Pathway Pickup

PREVIOUS / OLD – keep for reference

- Paddle and Pickup has been officially advertised. Registration is on the CCPR website.
- In conjunction with Calvert Parks and Rec on Sept 25th for cleanup of Fishing Creek. Find out from NECC what supplies we need versus what they will provide: bags, gloves, grabbers, water, etc.
- Boat – Larry to retrieve items from kayaks and canoes
- Call Nicole Cox at Marina West to arrange launch site.

Signage

- 2022 allot budget to remove signage that is no longer applicable and install new signs on other healthy plants/trees.
- Purple Martin House has been purchased – suggested time to install is late February/early March 2022

Pollinator Gardens:

- Refresh complete, ensure it is watered and happy and healthy
- Ensure irrigation is working properly

Education and Outreach

- Must pay attention to other areas of town besides Fishing Creek Trail and Bayfront Park.
- Reference Sam above as our next activity

Storm Runoff Mitigation

- No current discussion

Other Ongoing Ideas

- Work with Kellams Field Committee to contribute more rain gardens.
- Make eradication of Japanese Knotweed a priority
- **UPDATE:** Melanie received an estimate for eradication, and this will be a topic at the next meeting.
- Investigate the responsibilities of the staff at BFP in regard to picking up trash

Sue Alexander will send out advance notice of meetings to all committee members and maintain email group list.

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