

## Chestertown Environmental Committee Minutes Oct 8 2021

**In Attendance:** Darran Tilghman, Andy Goddard, Krista Lamoreaux, Carl Gallegos, Jim Bogden, Secethia Davis, Erin Heckles, Jenny Freebery

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Communications & Outreach**

- CEC Market Booth. Jenny created FAQ sheet for booth volunteers  
\*\*Action Items:  
    Ask JBK or Walgreens to sponsor battery recycling  
    Ask Mayor & Council to revisit county/town recycling
- Additional Meeting Attendees:  
    Invite new Main Street Director, Nina Fleegle to Nov. meeting  
    Invite LaMotte employee Charlie Gloyd to attend future meeting

#### **Water & Habitat**

- Planning Task Force on Rezoning: Must discuss anything the public proposes. Please send Darran and/or Annie any proposed ideas.
- Open Streets: High/Water St Demonstration Project: Materials ordered & will be installed before Downrigging  
    Haacke Drive. Demonstration Project (Bike/pedestrian lane to YMCA)  
    Completed 3<sup>rd</sup> & final installation. Submitted proposal to town for review
- Stormwater Management: Water Street residents v concerned. CEC recommends town hire engineering firm for comprehensive overhaul of the gray stormwater infrastructure systems
- Wilmer Park Playground. Should be completed by end of year
- Ajax Park. Currently no funding to develop
- Bailey Park. Tree Stewards will plant 10 trees in final hand-on session. Tentatively sched Nov 16
- County monies available? New benches for Wilmer Park, New Heritage trail, Gilcrest Rail Trail extension
- Mosquito Spraying. Chemical used is permethrin. (Permethrin is highly toxic to fish and other animals that live in either salt water or fresh water. Permethrin is low in toxicity to birds, but some aerosol products made with permethrin may also contain other ingredients that can harm birds if they inhale it. Permethrin is highly toxic to bees and other beneficial insects.)

#### **Waste Management**

Plastic Bag Regulation. Jim to investigate changing to include heavier weight

#### **Food Security**

Jenny met with University of MD extension educator on nutrition, Holly Rusch. She will assist on promoting SNAP program

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**Energy & Transport**

1. Solar Infrastructure Expansion
  1. Morgnec Road project appears to be blocked
  2. renewable energy plan by Owen B?
2. Solar Co-Op
  1. Solar United Neighbors still 1Q22
  2. discussions ongoing with NJ based firm
3. EV charging updates
  1. still at 20 charging points in Chestertown
  2. new locations being pursued
    1. my dermatologist
    2. my audiologist
    3. new YMCA
  3. waiting on KCN & EV Institute for article and ribbon cutting
  4. Delmarva - ours is one of 35 sites in the bay area, Denton just installed
4. CEC booth at CFM
  1. new signage to attract community questions
  2. expanded to include pen/pencils/markers
  3. expanded to include #5 plastics
    1. item #2 & #3 courtesy of a community member - \$200 value
  4. three new committee sign-up's
    1. still unclear who on the committee contacts these potential committee members
    2. is there a formal approval process?
  5. MES household hazardous waste collection in Denton 30OCT