

Chestertown Environmental Committee Minutes

May 6 2021

Attending: Darran Tilghman, Annie Richards, Jon Hanley, David Sobers, Andy Goddard, Krista Lamoreaux, Owen Bailey, Jenny Freebury, Carolyne Grotsky

Guests: Dr. Jill Bible, Asst. Professor of Environmental Science & Studies at Washington College and environmental studies Washington College student Analiese Bush. Analiese presented "Urban Agriculture in America: Increasing Food Security and Nourishing Neighborhood Connections" Suggested Community Gardens in Chestertown

Earth Day Festival follow up

Trash walk great success. Smaller number of vendors a plus. Limit vendors for future
Logo for CEC?

Energy & Transportation

- EV Charging stations
 - Redners - two Level 2 charging stations installing beside movie theatre early May (EV Institute of MD)
 - Acme - two DCFC (Level 3) charging stations concrete being poured by Walgreens early May (EV Institute of MD)
 - Foot of High Street - two Level 2 charging stations - additional survey work done last week of April (Delmarva Power) (Exelon)
 - Cannon Street municipal parking lot - two Level 2 charging stations - concrete specs reviewed last week of April (Delmarva Power) (Exelon)
 - evaluate incentives for municipal and commercial EV charging station deployment in 2021 Infrastructure Bill
- SusMD
 - recertification process begun
 - Zoom call with EVA/DC
 - presented E&T EV charging Strategic Plan (Jan 2019)
 - Zoom call with Briggs Cunningham of the MEA
 - grant monies available as part of MD Smart Energy Communities
 - solar panels
 - LED lighting
 - electric vehicles
 - EV charging stations
- Solar power adoption
 - renew discussions with Solar United Neighbors
 - review & update town solar panel installation zoning ordinance for Historic District
 - evaluate incentives for municipal and commercial solar adoption in 2021 Infrastructure Bill

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Water & Habitat

Tree Stewards. Through Shore Rivers grant. Provide implementation funding for community tree projects. 30 volunteers attend 4 part training session. If interested contact Annie

Cerino Center. Moving forward with demo garden designed by South Fork/Miles Barnard & featuring a new storm water design

Open Streets. Haacke Drive. Potentially installing 2 bike lanes. Taking plan to town council in June.

Foot of High. Use delineators in street to slow down traffic. Make more pedestrian friendly. Both projects funded through ESLC fundraising

Administration

Potential new members Erin Heckles & Secethia Davis

Committee Guidelines. Town council to determine general guidelines. Andy to follow up

Waste Management

Bottle Cap Benches. Find a school to host program

Communications

Discussion on how to communicate better with general public.

1. Press releases
2. Social media
3. Info on CEC website page

Roadmap to Resilience

New CEC work group- Sustainable Chestertown. Invite other committee members, eg. Planning & Zoning, Equity Advisory.

Should there be a Kent County Environmental Committee?

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AGENDA

- develop a logo for the CEC Team (Shane?)
- endorse cap recycle program with school & community (Jon)
- <https://www.greentreeplastics.com/abc-program/>
- possible new board member - Secethia Davis (sponsored by Jenny)
- marketing & communications sub-committee? (Andy & Jenny)