

Document reference:

[Spreadsheet for priority decision making](#)

1 August 2022

Attendance:

Gina Mathias

Chiara Atoyebi

Orissa Samaroo

Megan Andargie

Brittany Baker

Diana Picon Manyari

Minutes from last meeting have been approved

Agenda items:g

Approving the minutes from the last meeting: Minutes have been approved by the attendants to this meeting

Discussing the PTS and turning in recommendations Arbor Day partnership with FONTT

- End of the week, committee members will include their recommendations, notes.
- Gina would be happy to have help with the data entry into the system as well as with the narratives on the actions. The website of [Sustainable Maryland](#) is also very helpful.
- We need to have a meeting with the City Council to finalize priorities
- Arbor day recommendation: panelists from local universities on native plants, a nature walk, about 8 months from now. Could get a lot of points from this event. They have given us an outline and want to come to the next meeting in prep for our meeting with the council.

Certification timelines

- We have 9-10 months to submit to Sustainable Maryland what we have accomplished
- Need to be realistic on what we can do. Maybe 2 events?
- We need to schedule a meeting with the council - when can we get on their calendar? Election year and we will have to figure out when to do it. Possibly doing it as a special meeting on a Monday night or as part of a council meeting on a Wednesday. It has been a few years since a full Green Team meeting.
- We probably need about 2 months to present our RECOMMENDATIONS, what the city should prioritize (what continuing actions, what are for the future, and any new ones - how to maximize our points). We can even look at the future certification cycle and present on that.

- High level goal is to meet with city council that sets the priorities for the certification cycle (2023). They rely upon this committee to inform them.
- Megan and Chiara to work on notes for recommendations.

Possible Grant Opportunity

- Stipend offering for the talks? There is a grant opportunity from Pepco.
- City is attending a webinar on it (an intern in Gina's office). Help from this committee will be helpful. Link to meeting (Tuesday 2 August):
[https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMkdO2pqzorG9PHvm0eOVSl3QoMiAMagDQK](https://umd.zoom.us/j/9211111111)
- Information on the Pepco grant:
<https://sustainablemaryland.com/resources/sustainable-maryland-small-grants-program/doh-grant>

The City Council presentation

- Collegiate, usually will generally agree with recommendations from committee
- August 11, event 6-8pm energy efficiency, electrification, New Hampshire Park. Can we count it? Possibly because we help organize and sponsor, though technically it is in Silver Spring.

Next meeting September 12th.
Monday 3rd October after that.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

Meeting 6 June 2022

Attendance:

Gina Mathias
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Parag Khandhar
Brittany Baker
Meghan A.
Janet Owens
Orissa Samaroo
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Special projects: more points for new special project categories. We can earn points for continuing projects as long as they are active within that period. For example, we would get points for Farmers' Market, but not as many because it is not new. The Green Fair happened 5 years ago and hasn't happened again. The committee will assess what marketing is currently being done for Crossroads market and make innovative marketing recommendations.

Outside research: are we doing this and what is the timeline?
It is open to interpretation but we do need something in September
City council takes the month of August off.

Gina will email Sustainable Maryland this week to understand whether they are still making updates.

Is our composting program already counted? Gina checking....

Someone from Sustainable Maryland to come and speak to us in July. Gina arranging this. What do we want to get out of this presentation:

- Examples from other jurisdictions?
- Where we could be stronger in our submission
- Categories that are not explore in terms of innovation

Will ask them to present for 20-30 min.

Submission in Summer 2023.

Next meeting: July 11; we all need to update on our given categories before then. July 25th is a second possibility. No matter the date of the meeting, commit to updating the spreadsheet by July 11.

Gina will send us the info on what was actually submitted last time, including narrative.
Next meeting agenda: Presentation from Sustainable Maryland and next steps to September (unlikely we will have August meeting)

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm