



Sustainability Committee

Minutes

December 4, 2017

6pm - Room C

Attendance:

Joan Strawson, Emily Roy, Phil LeBlanc, Joanne Petersen, Eric Daniels, Christine Maher

Alderman: Kelly Russell

CCC Member: Yash Pavuluri

Guests: Julia Schaeffer

1. November minutes were approved.
2. The Committee's formal comments on Monocacy River Management Plan was approved and signed.
3. Subcommittee Discussions
 - a. Mark and Joan did not have a chance to make any further progress on the Oversight & Advisory subcommittee—tabled for next meeting
 - b. Emily reached out to Kara Norman, Downtown Frederick Partnership, and Zach Fleagle, Superintendent of Sanitation
 - i. Kara said they were a failure: people just put trash in them
 - ii. Discussed the "point of having recycle cans downtown" knowing that people are not using them and misusing them by putting trash in them.
 - iii. Eric inquired on what Kara thought the reason for the failure of the recycle bins

1. Possible reason could be that the bins don't look different enough from the trash cans.
 - iv. Joan inquired if we should still work on this project.
 - v. Alderman Russell asked committee to think about why they think it's important to recycle
 1. Environmental and Economic reasons
 - vi. Downtown Frederick partnership tried to improve the visibility of the recycle bin, but it still didn't work.
 - vii. Alderman Russell suggested spray painting the lids blue on the existing recycle bins in downtown.
 - viii. Emily is going back to Kara to ask her if she can spray paint the lids blue for experimental purposes.
 - c. Emily says Kara is interested in receptacles for cigarette butts
 - i. sanitation has receptacles available to businesses, but they don't empty them.
 - ii. Downtown Frederick partnership is already encouraging business to cleanup their store fronts and sidewalks.
 - iii. Talked about getting a TerraCycle receptacle on an experimental basis
 1. Alderman Russell encouraged committee to get a plan of action in place for this before approaching HPC for approval.
 - d. Businesses in downtown have to pay for their own recycling
 - i. Businesses on Patrick get municipal recycling service, but businesses on smaller streets don't have this service
 - e. Mentioned that the downtown circulator is making a comeback
 - i. Alderman Russell explained what the circulator was
 - f. Alderman Russell brought up that Zach could not be answering her email because of chain of command issues
 - i. Suggested sending email through Jenny or Alderman Russell or Eric
 - g. Eric suggested posting more information on recycling and trash (i.e. our landfill is full and how we pay x amount of dollars to ship our trash) to our website.
 - i. Joanne suggested using the Next Door app
 - h. Alderman Russell suggested that the committee educate itself on how the recycling conversation has progressed before posting information to website.
4. Goals Discussion: Mark not present—tabled for next meeting
5. The Committee will meet again on **Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018** (regular meeting date Jan. 1 is holiday)
6. Public Comment: Julia Schaeffer from NAC 11 – She is concerned about growing cigarette butt litter
7. Mentioned that 3 people are interested in this issue and are willing to work with the committee
 - a. Mentioned that there is no ordinances requiring store owners to keep their sidewalks free of litter

- b. Changing public perception about littering- mentioned that seeing litter encourages more littering.
- c. Asked for time on agenda to discuss their findings with the committee. (maybe Feb.)

8. Meeting adjourned