



Sustainability Committee

Minutes

March 5, 2018

6pm - Room C

Attendance:

Phil LeBlanc, Eric Daniels, Mark Broski, Joan Strawson, Emily Roy, Christine Maher

Aldermen: Ben MacShane

Guests: Julia Schaeffer

1. February minutes were approved.
2. Phil provided an update on the cigarette butt litter collection. He had collected about 5,000 cigarette butts as of Friday and created a spreadsheet to track his efforts and better determine how many hours it would take to clean the sidewalks and maintain them. He said he's not seeing the same number of butts in each place, but is finding them in planting beds, behind benches, etc. He is determining the time it takes to clean a block and some blocks, so far, can be picked up in about 1.5 hours. He thinks all downtown areas can be cleaned on a 4 week cycle. He found a second pass to be easier with fewer butts. He also found that the butts were concentrated around restaurants and bars.
 - a. Suggestions for action were to engage businesses, draft an editorial for the FNP to coincide with Restaurant Week, and to work with Downtown Frederick Partnership to sponsor butt collection.
 - b. Jenny was to check with legal dept. about whether the Committee could draft an editorial to FNP.

3. The Committee discussed the Capital Improvement Projects for the next five years.
 - a. Continue to invest funding to accomplish goals in the Sustainability Plan.
 - b. Support Community Well-being by supporting the shared-use path, rails with trails efforts, enhanced nutrient removal at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and other efforts. Christine will draft a letter of recommendation.

4. Subcommittee Discussions
 - a. Mark and Joan will talk to legal dept. about process for policy changes through the Committee.
 - b. Emily discussed painting the 3 trash can lids in downtown and said that HPC does not need to approve the painting.

5. Weed Warriors— Jenny provided basic information on the way the program works in Montgomery County.

6. Green Neighbor Festival, Saturday, May 12—planning update
 - a. Table ideas—guess the number of butts in a jar, terracycle containers as examples, before & after pics
 - b. Possible giveaways—group will consider next meeting
 - c. Assign duties—group will sign up for volunteer spots next meeting

7. Administrative Items
 - a. Next Meeting set for April 2, 2018
 - b. Julia Schaeffer suggested code changes to make it a requirement for businesses to recycle/pick up butts, etc.
 - c. Mark asked to provide quarterly community engagement and add to April agenda

8. Meeting adjourned