

CEC Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2022 (Next Meeting: April 7, 2022).

Attendees:

Sheila Blum	Chris Files
Dan Clohossey	Stuart Sessions
Dian Seidel	Joy White

Minutes

- Last month's meeting minutes were approved
- Dan used a PowerPoint to lead the rest of the meeting discussion
- Key topics discussed:
 - Greening Town Operations – Dan will ask Sally to circulate a resolution type of document for CEC to discuss at the April meeting, and eventually to endorse and have Joy present to Council. Discussed the need along the way for a Town discussion about what this means and the implications before it can be passed. What will metrics be for the Town? Perhaps other models should be looked at to inform what goes into our resolution (e.g. Sustainable Maryland – not that we'll necessarily join SM but what are the areas and metrics they use). More research is needed before this is ready to present to the Council. Topic of Staff time needed (and new hire) which is becoming a real dependency for several of our projects.
 - Rosemary Garden – Sheila and Dian updated the CEC on the latest iteration of the RG proposal. Good discussion around phasing and CEC consensus was that we want to look at the long-term/big picture, not just go with swapping out the invasives for natives as a short-term "phase 1", e.g. start with a design RFP for the whole thing (plants, hardscape, benches etc.). Joy can work something into the FY23 budget as a placeholder for RG – Dan has asked Todd for what the cost of Lee Dennison Garden was, so we have a benchmark to use.
 - Healthy Lawns - Stuart reviewed his plans for an April HL webinar which will be part-Mary Travaglini from the County and part other topics. We discussed various viewpoints for what to include or what not to include in 2nd half of preso. Stuart will look to finalize the content and set a date sometime the week of April 11 or 18.
 - Gas-Powered Leaf Blower – did not discuss at meeting but 2nd landscape letter was sent, almost all door leaflets have been distributed and yard signs are going to start being placed any day.
- Dan briefly reviewed upcoming events including March 19 County GoElectric event and March 31 County Climate Plan webinar.
- Dan highlighted the April 24 Town Event where CEC will have a table for flyers and battery-equipment demos, etc. – **still looking for a volunteer willing to coordinate this.** Dan has suggested to Barney that the Arbor Day Proclamation be read at some point at this event since it's a Town event and it's between Earth Day (Apr 22) and Arbor Day (Apr 30).

- Spring Trash & Treasures is weekend of April 30/May 1. CEC has arranged to add Lightbulb Exchange and Household Hazardous Waste dropoff to the Lawton Event on Saturday. More info to come.
- Forecast: Sheila did April Forecast and Dan is on tap for May.
- Joy will check about when we might start having in-person or hybrid (in-person plus Zoom) meetings for CEC.