

Morgantown Municipal Green Team Meeting Minutes 2/7/13

Attendees: Trevor Lloyd (City of Morgantown), Chris Shepherd (WVU LAW) Caroline Keicher (Institute of Market Transformation) Pamela Cubberly, Chris Haddox, Ella Belling (Mon River Trails), Ann Payne , Susan Sullivan (City of Morgantown, Media Outreach), Jim Kotcon (WVU), Aaron Sutch (Mountain Institute)

- Meeting Called to order by Chris Haddox at 4:35
- Guest Introductions
- No meeting minutes from last meeting to approve
- Transition/ shared leadership: Chris Haddox has agreed to share leadership duty with Aaron Sutch who will serve as Green Team Co-Chair.
 - Aaron and Chris will meet soon to prepare Green Team report for City Council
- ASF Grant for Morgantown Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory
 - Letter of inquiry has been submitted to Appalachian Stewardship Foundation (ASF) to start first phase of multi-year GHG inventory for the City in partnership with Downstream Strategies
 - \$50,000 first ask as part of multi-year project, response form ASF appears positive
- Morgantown Green City Website : Trevor and Susan unveiled new ‘Green’ section of City of Morgantown website
 - “Green” tab appears on main menu bar (currently features Recycling and Year of the Tree)
 - Trevor is willing to provide monthly updates and post appropriate events and newsworthy items
 - Green events can also be added to calendar (just need to add event which will be approved by Susan)
- Trevor is in possession of LEED Plaque for the Morgantown LEED certified fire station
- Green Night at the Library. Pam Cubberly spoke about trajectory for Green Nights including year of the Tree event planned for April.
 - Although there was much input regarding more robust Green Night events, it was agreed that aim of these events is make them as doable and time efficient as possible
 - For additional input contact Pam or Aaron
- Woodburn Elementary School Green Space

- Chris Haddox and Bill Wonderlin have been involved in stakeholder group pushing for the site to be converted to green space. Many options are being considered and will have to await final City Council approval.
 - A charrette is being planned for end of February

- Chris Shepherd shared the work he is doing with Energy Efficient West Virginia (EEWV) to promote integrated resource planning (using efficiency to meet growing electric demand)
 - Issues has become acute as utilities plan to purchase Harrison Power Plant in Clarksburg and pass on rate increases to ratepayers
 - Chris and EEWV are organizing focus groups in Morgantown to educate citizens about the issues and promote action
 - MMGT is willing to draft a letter for City Council Support on this issues

- Farmers Market Solar Project
 - The Mountain Institute (TMI) is finalizing an agreement with Parking Authority(PA) for the construction of 3.12 KW solar array on the Farmers Market roof. The system, which includes an electric car charger, will be donated by TMI and begin to save the PA on electric bills. Construction should begin in March.
 - Contact Aaron Sutch for additional details

- Green Business Promotion: The idea of starting a registry of green business was discussed. This would be completely voluntary and consist of local Morgantown business filling out a questionnaire asking them to highlight the ‘green’ thing they do.
 - Categories could include sustainable product sourcing, energy/water use, recycling/waste disposal, Misc.
 - Program would be entirely voluntary and would have to be careful not to show any favoritism
 - Could lead to greate MMGT outreach with local business

- Ann Payne spoke of Year of the Tree (see on Facebook) as well as April 3 showing of the Movie “Your Environmental Road Trip” Move by Mark Dixon.
 - Year of the tree is highlighted on Morgantown City Green Website