

Hyattsville Environment Committee
February 09, 2021

Participants: Theresa Goedecke, Janet Nackoney, Jaren Messinger, Dawn Taft, Brie Welzer, Richard Canino, Ben Simasek, Danny Schaible

Attendees from the public: Kendra Wiley, Maira Delao

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome, Committee Roll Call, & Guest Orientation
2. Approval of meeting minutes
 - Approved unanimously Welzer/Canino
3. New Hyattsville Committee Handbook (T. Goedeke)
 - Theresa sent a link to the Committee already; Hyattsville has updated their handbook for committees. Some changes in processes for term limits/tenure, elections to committees.
 - Laura Reams will come to our March meeting; come with your questions!
 - One question: HEC section on p. 52 looks like it might need some updating. Is that our responsibility, or is the City planning to do that? This likely should be updated before approval by the City council. **ACTION:** Dawn will follow up with Laura to ask about this.
 - Recruitment: we're at a good place to start recruitment/outreach-- is there a defined process for this?
4. AWS Earth Day Clean-up: April 24 (J. Nackoney)
 - Registration hasn't opened yet, but Janet will notify HEC when it is ready to accept registrations.
5. Phased-in Gas Powered Leaf-Blower Ban (D. Schaible)
 - Received some comments already; have developed a Response to Questions document
 - No changes yet to the proposal since last meeting
 - Research on local env policies
 - [Link to main proposal](#)
 - [Link to Response to Comments](#) (in progress)
 - Question about enforcement-- still waiting on full clarity from Code Compliance
 - Is the timing practical? Is it potentially too fast/could it encourage more waste ? Idea to start with a voluntary model like "cash for clunkers" to begin. Transition/phase to a full ban later on.
 - **ACTION:** Danny and Brie will clean up an updated version of the document for HEC review. Upcoming vote in March

6. Update - Stormwater Grant (Dawn)
 - Talk on Human Gardening on March 10 @ 7pm. Speaker: Nancy Lawson, Human Gardener
 - Workshop on March 24 @ 7pm: Beyond Pesticides
 - Watershed Stewards Academy: 10-week program for [Master Watershed Stewards](#). Open for registration-- City is sponsoring 5 indiv for spring and 5 for fall seasons. Sign up and apply on the website-- select Hyattsville under tuition. Sponsorship decided on a rolling basis
 - Program with Neighborhood Design Center: "Leaf it Alone"-- teach folks the value of leaving their leaves in their yards.
7. New Construction Stormwater Management memo to council (T. Goedeke/Fmr. HEC Member, J. Groves)
 - **ACTION:** [Read and review here](#)
 - Come prepared to vote in March
8. Announcements or Notices
 - [Prince George's County Environmental Forum](#) this Saturday, 2/13. [Register here](#), space is limited.
 - Can we set aside some time on City Council agendas in the future? Budgeting, etc.
9. Adjournment