

Sustainable Kensington meeting: March 6th, 2023. Town Hall

Attending: Penny, Kate, Carolyn, Tracey, Daphne, Ben, Amy, Ann, Nate, Olwen, Karen, Ken

Notes:

1. Survey update

- Good response rate
- Strong interest in composting, watershed health, stormwater
- Results don't seem to change short-term goals
- But need to sift through responses to see about how this affects long-term planning
- Will finish inputting data, then will analyze further
- To request Alex generate a report
- SK members to go through qualitative responses for discussion during next meeting

2. Inventory process, action area progress, and action plan

- Everyone is comfortable with the actions they've agreed to be responsible for
- Draft Action Plan by March 24th (work with fleshing out table, as provided in the example on SM website under "Action Plan" action)
- Longer term actions to be added to short-term actions
- Alex to set up shared folder structure; subfolder for each action area
- Daphne will create table/file for Action Plan; see [resources](#) online
- Action Plan will contain all actions (1) done/submitted; (2) in progress; (3) longer term
- Bee City – someone can help with this (Carolyn has an approach)

3. Business waste reduction and recycling seminar

- Thanks to Kate for attending for SK. If others would like to review the slides presented, you can find them in this [Dropbox](#) and the presentation by Claire Runquist from UMBC [here](#).
- The county has people who will meet with business clusters (food shops, retail, mechanics/car)
- Town could sponsor with business community - getting people together to talk by cohort.
- Could do one on waste reduction with retail shops (owners of retail buildings don't provide recycling - get landlords/property owners to come)
- Could do one on food waste with restaurants
- Embrace zero waste events for all ToK sponsored events (compost station if food)
 - Edible food recovery
 - Composting
 - All materials are recyclable (vendors) - compostable forks etc.(examples of how people have done this with events)

4. Certification webinar – April 5, 2-3pm

- Amy, Carolyn, Olwen expressed interest; please [register here](#).

5. Next steps

- Review survey results; Ann & Nate will share additional reports (if possible), and everyone to review qualitative inputs for discussing longer-term priorities during April meeting
- Daphne will create a shared file template action plan (in the Action Plan sub-folder) that includes short term actions, place for long term actions, and will populate with one or two examples. Everyone to complete with their actions by March 24.
- Alex set up filing system. See here and make a folder for each of your respective actions, where you will include documentation and associated write-up for submission.
- April 28 deadline for write-ups for submission of Actions for certification.
- Next meeting, April 17 Town Hall, 7:30pm.